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President's Corner

It's true - time does indeed fly when you're having fun! It seems like yesterday (June 30, 2015) when I submitted my Letter of Interest and Resume for International 3rd Vice President while in Farmington NM. There have been so many milestones between then and now, but all come back to a central theme of friendships, kindness, humility, laughter, slow down, reset and repeat.



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Based on the incredibly positive feedback about the inclusive messaging in my August President's Corner, I would like to share my Acceptance Speech with those of you who were not in Doswell, VA. Some of the messaging will sound familiar, but it's worth repeating - but not before thanking Greg "Mr. Music Man" Heuer and the Band for the awesome musical collaboration; Linda "Flamingo Girlfriend" Shelton for bringing a very special happy flair to the Installation reception; Marc, Paola, John, Bruce and Denise for being there for Izzy and I; LaVerne - you helped make my heart whole again; Corey & Bill - you kept me grounded; Andy & Barb - the Gala was so MoMo; Vickie & Joanne - you're the best anchors a Prez could ask for and Andy, Tye, Eric, Jim, Vickie, Barry, Lori, Joanne, Lenny and all Region Presidents & VPs - thank you for being part of an incredible team in 2019/2020. Jim5 & Debbie and Lori - thank you for your unconditional friendship & support. ***Most importantly, thank you to all of you who have placed your trust in me.***

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Doswell, Virginia, the International WBCCI Rally

My first time at an International Rally, and what fun it was! Mark and I met lots of nice people and reconnected with others we knew. I wish I had more room for photos here, as the sight of 720 or so Airstreams, spread out across the fields at The Meadows, was magnificent! There were presentations on technical topics, travel topics, food topics and many others. Other than the unrelenting heat, it was a perfect week. Loveland, CO in 2020, here we come!

More than 70 people braved pouring rain to visit an outside tent for "The Art of Airstream Cooking" presentation. It was the only day it rained, and boy was it a doozy. I was thrilled to see that almost half the attendees were men.

A couple of recipes were made (Southwest Quesadillas and Mango Guacamole) and

everyone got a little taste, but this was near the end. The main discussion was about practicality and efficiency in the Airstream. I used an electric induction burner to cook with, and someone mentioned that this was a great way to save on propane. It also produces very little heat. I discussed Melamine nesting bowls that can be used for both mixing and serving, making one bowl/one pan meals to save on clean-up time and water, and a round dish pan that fits into the round sink if you have one of those. We take this dishwasher and dump it down the toilet rather than down the sink. Our gray water tank always fills up long before our black water tank, and the black water tank needs lots of water in it to umm... work efficiently.

I was lucky to have a wonderful sidekick, Joanne (thank you!) who was an angel of a helper. She chopped, served, held the microphone and cleaned up. Everyone needs a Joanne in their life!

Food joke: What are the five stages of an Avocado? Hard, hard, hard, hard, brown. Would be funny if it wasn't true! I leave them out on the counter for a few days until they just

begin to soften, then they go in the fridge. They last for a long time this way. Butter lettuce lasts a very long time. How to peel a mango? Cut the sides off close to the core. Cut into the flesh of each piece (I did small cubes for the guacamole) but don't go through the skin. Flip inside out and scrape off the mango pieces. The softer it is, the easier they come off.

Someone told me that they know how to cook and can follow a recipe, but the Airstream cooking tips are the best. Someone else asked how to cook for 70 people at a rally, and another how to cook for only two. And how to bake bread, my specialty. I will never run out of things to write about!



At Doswell



Joanne & Gina

Gina Eggers and boyfriend Mark Kasten are owners of a 27' FB International Serenity, "Something Shiny." Gina has been a lifelong camper and foodie, attending classes and seminars around the United States on breads, grains and vegetarian/vegan and raw foods. She has been teaching classes at a kitchen store in Wisconsin and in hers and other homes. She is a member of the Bread Baker's Guild of America. You can reach Gina at upnorthbread@icloud.com and you can find her on Instagram at @upnorthbread.



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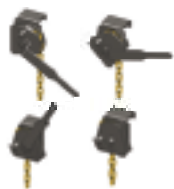
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President's Corner

Mona Heath - Acceptance Speech

2019/2020 International President

CONGRATULATIONS to Barry and Karen Bell, the 2019 Rally Planning Team and all of the Club members who helped to make the 62nd International Rally such a success.

WELCOME to the 2019/2020 International Board of Trustees, Region Vice Presidents and members of the Executive Committee - I look forward to working alongside you.

As I look around me, both on the stage and out in the audience, I see **FAMILY**. When I bought my first Airstream and joined this Club 11 years ago, little did I know that...to quote fellow Club member Jihong Tang "I bought an Airstream which became a lifestyle & community"...little did I know that I would have such a large, extended family!!

You've been right there with me - offering support when I needed it, trust when it mattered most, a sounding board over countless meals & campfires and gave me someone to confide in without fear of judgement. We've laughed and cried together, argued and reconciled, supported and celebrated and, throughout it all have always been united with one core principle: a love of the Airstream lifestyle and of this Club.

Family isn't always easy - it has ups and downs, struggles and challenges. I like to think that, if we all **START WITH KINDNESS** - the quality of being **friendly, generous and considerate** - nothing should really be so bad that isn't easily solved with a sincere "I'm sorry", a hug or a handshake, and an invitation to "let's go camping"!

If someone were to ask me the single most important thing I would like to accomplish, it would be to Encourage an Inclusive Environment at all levels, where club practices & policies serve to unite members, where all members are treated with respect, all views valued and all voices heard.

Our Club, this family, is full of much diversity: of thought; of lifestyle; of heritage and of tow vehicle, Airstream model & length and camping choices. All are welcome in my world, this world of happy campers.

I've said this a lot the last few months, and indeed "Magical Things are Happening". The launch of a beautiful, informative website; an International leadership team with shared goals and a commitment to transparency and inclusion; a strong, collaborative relationship with Airstream Inc; and efficiencies at all levels - particularly our hard-working team at Headquarters. As part of a much bigger picture, all of these Magical Things will make it even more appealing & easier for members to serve as **OFFICERS** and **CARAVAN LEADERS**; more compelling for current and future Airstream owners to join our Club and position this organization, with a rich heritage of exploration, for future generations of adventurers.

PHEW - that's just the beginning but for me, the most Magical Thing would be to see our large and continuously growing Airstream family continue to do what we do best - envelop new members with kindness, support and surround them with the possibilities of **WHAT IF?**

I'm honored to serve as your International President, have and will continue to love every minute of this experience. For now, I say **"LET'S CELEBRATE!!"**

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This is a story of a particular genealogical thread that I pursued during and after the WBCCI Part III of the Civil War Caravan series led by Beth and Ed Jones in the spring of 2013. It was actually a very exciting opportunity brought about because of the route we followed during the caravan; and after, on our route home. I write this to both promote interest in caravanning and to encourage people to become interested in doing research into their own family trees. It was a great experience for my wife, Helen, and me.



Journey begins at Gettysburg with Leaders Ed & Beth Jones

I followed the life of a Teegarden, a sixth generation ancestor, from his birth to his grave and stood on the battlefield where he was mortally wounded at the age of 29. His name was William Henry Teegarden and he was born to a cousin of my great-grandfather in Clarksville, PA, on November 23, 1834, and died on June 8, 1864, in Judiciary Square Hospital in Washington D.C. of wounds received in the battle of Spotsylvania Court House in Virginia. He was buried in the graveyard of the Pleasant Valley Presbyterian Church in Clarksville, PA.

I picked up his trail from a plaque at the base of the monument erected on the Gettysburg Battlefield by the State of Pennsylvania to remember the Union soldiers from Pennsylvania



Pennsylvania Monument at Gettysburg

who fought at Gettysburg. That evening I found his record in my family genealogy book and decided to find out more about him during the rest of our tour. My book said he died from wounds received in the Battle of the Wilderness at Spotsylvania Heights in May. As we were scheduled to tour the battlefields around Fredericksburg, VA, which included Wilderness and Spotsylvania, this gave me the chance to do first-hand research. We even visited a veteran's hospital in Washington D.C. and had



Teegarden names on Monument Plaque

seen a huge Confederate hospital in Richmond at the start of our tour and before our stop in Fredericksburg.

Since I detected a conflict in the grave marker use of Wilderness and Spotsylvania as one battle, I had to sort this out. Determining the actual day of his wounding would resolve the issue so I set out to find this information. Our first stop in the Fredericksburg area was in the National Park at Chancellorsville that features the Battle of the Wilderness. Here a ranger spread out his maps and pinpointed the daily locations of my ancestor's unit which I had found on the PA monument. He then proceeded to describe how to find them. The dates of William Henry's whereabouts became a tantalizing mystery but laid out a trail we could follow. Helen and I then toured the battlefield and stopped at the locations of the 140th Infantry and photographed the areas where William Henry perhaps fought and was wounded. We found and photographed several likely sites and actually saw the remnants of an iron ore furnace where one of the ranger's books said the unit had been posted.

The next day, we visited the Park service facility located on the Fredericksburg Battlefield. Here was my **Eureka** moment when I found the ranger had a book written by a professor of theology and history about the 140th Pennsylvania. It was published in 1912 and had been commissioned by the 140th members to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the unit's formation. I found William Henry in the unit roster and learned that he had been wounded on May 12. This date placed him at the battle of Spotsylvania Court House. I photographed many of the key pages in the book and then bought a book written about the Battle of Spotsylvania. His



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company had led the early morning attack on the salient of the Confederate fortification called the Muleshoe for its shape, and the exact area was called the Bloody Angle. Helen and I made a quick trip to the area about 10 miles away.



The Bloody Angle at Spotsylvania

I photographed many of the description posters that marked the various locations of the fighting and got some good shots of the terrain and the remnants of the fortifications that have been eroded over time. Finally, to make a long story short, we ended up going to Clarksville on our way home and visited the graveyard where he was buried. An interesting thing happened to us when we parked in front of the church. A man drove up and stopped behind us, got out and approached us, and asked if he could help us. We told him that we had come to visit the grave of an ancestor. He then introduced himself as Richard Teegarden and said he was the clerk of the session for the church. He opened the church and we toured both it and the graveyard. Of course, we now have photos posing by William Henry's grave which had an American flag placed by the State of Pennsylvania and displaying a metallic Grand Army of the Republic emblem. And Richard is a newly found cousin.



Final Resting Place

Our European Road Trip - Part 3

The Mountains and Old Friends

Don Lewis, #16592

I continue the story of our wonderful 52-day trip through France, Switzerland, Germany and Belgium in the summer of 2018. Hopefully you read the first episodes in earlier Blue Berets where we had reached Provence to see the beauty of the lavender fields. We are travelling in our 2015 International 684 Airstream, similar to a 27ft US model but 8ft 3in wide.

To remind you of who is travelling, we are the Lewis family – Don (me), my wife Amanda, Abigail our 15-year-old daughter and, with us on every trip so far, Amanda's mum, Betty. And Barkley, our Golden Doodle dog.

In the last episode we had just reached Provence in time to photograph and take in the wonders of the beautiful lavender fields having already travelled down the west coast of France and through the Midi-Pyrenees region of France to Provence.

On Day 17 our trip around the lavender fields continued...

Day 17 - our trip around the lavender fields continued with a visit to a lavender distillery to see how the lavender gets processed. We were so lucky to have just got there in time as the fields I photographed had started to be harvested! That was close! The lavender is hung to dry in a barn, out of the sun for three to five days and then either the dried buds are used in items like lavender cushions or bags that you can hang in a room, or the dried branches are sent to a distillery to extract essential oils. Distillation happens by putting the branches into a condenser and passing hot water through them. The steam goes down a coil to cool and is then collected in a vat. The



Lavender drying

essential oil separates in the top (about 20%) and is syphoned off and used for medicinal products, etc. The remainder is used as aromatic water and can be consumed diluted for flavouring or air fresheners, etc. It takes about 150kg of plant to produce 1kg of oil.

An interesting visit - but I was done with the favourite smell of old ladies! The drive home took us through the spectacular Gorges de la Nesque, a deep-sided ravine with a winding road cut into one side. It was great fun driving through the tunnels – but I was so glad we weren't pulling the Airstream!! Oh, we had ice cream and I only needed to have two boules rather than the three I promised myself as the boules were rather large - so I still had some to catch up on.



Gorges de la Nesque. I'm sure we would have got through with Ali



I wasn't the only one that had ice cream!

The next day was our last day in the Provence region and so we started with a trip to the local cave to taste a selection of Ventoux wines - well one has to, doesn't one!! We were now beginning to fill the space in the Airstream with the odd bottle or two! There was always a risk that it would all get drunk before we got home so we just had to keep restocking.

We headed up Mont Ventoux, a 1912m (6273ft) climb over about a 20-25km distance depending on which of three routes you take. Sadly, I have to say, we did it in the car and not on a bicycle as many people do. The cycle up any of the three routes to the top is a big challenge to people who obviously eat less ice cream than I do. It is one of the major stages on the Tour de France cycle race. The views at the top across Provence and the southeast of France were quite amazing.



Here we all are at the top of Mt. Ventoux



The view from Mt. Ventoux

Day 19 was another travel day but still fun. We travelled from Provence up to another one of our favourite places in France - Lake Annecy. We caught up with Ian and Ariane Jamieson, friends we have met through having an Airstream. It was Ian who brought us into the European branch of the WBCCI. If you were at the Oregon international rally last year you may have met them as they represented Europe. Ian and Ariane offer courtesy parking at their beautiful house in Thônes which we foolishly didn't use ... doh!!



French Sausages



Courtesy Parking in Thônes

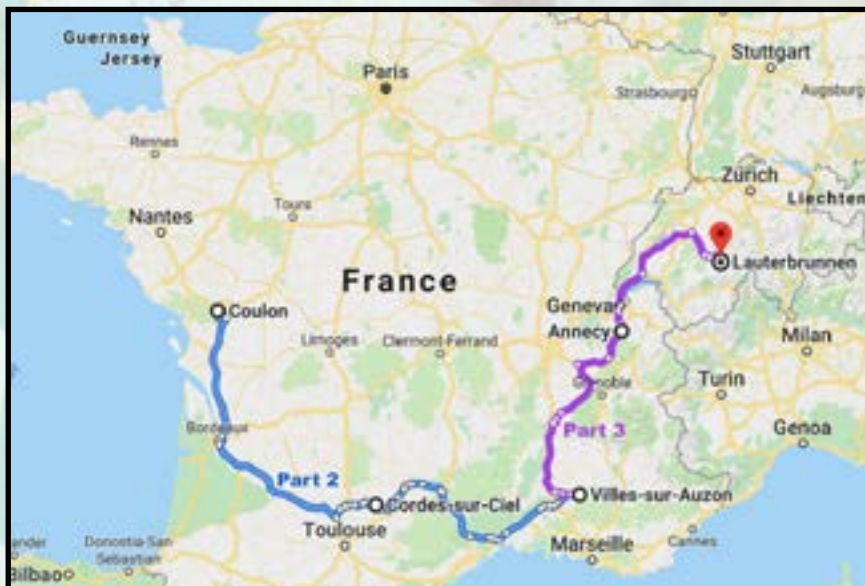
We stayed at La Taillefer campsite on the southwest edge of Lake Annecy, where we stayed last year and liked it enough to go back for seven days. The facilities are quite basic, but it is small and wonderfully quiet. We set up with the awning at the side of the Airstream, but only just in time as the mother of all thunderstorms hit us as we put in the last peg!! For the next few days

we did a lot of swimming and kayaking in the lake (water at 24°C/75°F), a lot of sightseeing and much beer and ice cream sampling.



Our pitch in La Taillefer

One of the things we have enjoyed with the Airstream is the community – we have met so many like-minded and interesting people – like Ian and Ariane who are now friends for life. They were fantastic hosts, as well as hosting us in their beautiful alpine home, they took us to places that we would never have found if we had just been left to the tourist guides and maps. One of these was Le Chalet de l'Aulp, a restaurant high above Lake Annecy with 360° panoramic views. It is at the end of a dirt track and if Ariane hadn't led us with their Land Rover, we would have turned ours around. The restaurant specialises in Reblochon cheese. The cows pasture on the mountainside, are milked at the farm (next to the restaurant) where the cheese is made.



We took a hike along a trail that went into a fir forest with rock faces above us. The rock face wasn't very stable and a little way into the walk a rock tumbled down the mountain only a couple of metres away from Amanda, Ariane and Abigail!! It added a bit of a game to the walk - dodge the boulder! Ian was even able to take a bath with a fantastic view...see the picture!



Ian taking advantage of the view!



Hiking with the Jamiesons

The next day Ian and Ariane took us to another walk near Thônes at the Col des Aravis. The scenery was splendid and before some cloud came in, we could see Mont Blanc in the not-



Mont Blanc

so-far distance...well it might still have been far away because it is a big mountain and looks big even when it is far away...unlike the cows which looked very small far away!! It was a wonderful place to walk a dog and Barkley was in his element.

We had lunch in the restaurant and were relieved that we only ordered the 'petite plate' - enough for all of us on one plate. We had our own plates though and undid the healthy walk before! I also got to taste another beer from the Mont Blanc Brewery, which was green from the Genepy liqueur used in the brewing process - an interesting taste but I probably couldn't drink more than one or two - very sweet!

So, the messages of this last seven days are: you must go to Annecy and don't just stay by the lake as there are some fantastic walks and scenery to be had by going high...and visit Le Chalet de l'Aulp!! The pictures just do not do it justice, so you will just have to go and see for yourself - in an Airstream if you can. Our last day in Annecy was simply getting ready for the journey to Switzerland, packing up the awning, and hosting Ian and Ariane (for a change) for a BBQ at 'our place' - we love our Weber BBQ.



Home from home BBQ and entertaining

We had only got to day 25 and tomorrow would be halfway through our trip ... could it get any better??

So, on day 26 we had a travel day, going from Lake Annecy to Lauterbrunnen in Switzerland and, I have to say, a very pleasant drive. It was a little tight in places getting through Annecy

and a little bit tight coming into Lauterbrunnen, but we made it without a scratch!!

It was lovely driving from beautiful mountains towards more beautiful mountains. It was just one big scenic high, especially when we drove alongside Lake Thunersee as we approached Interlaken from the west. Then we had the drive up the valley with the Jungfrau mountain in front of us - wow! We were going to stay for the next ten nights at Camping Lauterbrunnen which is in the valley below the Jungfrau, the Mönch and the Eiger - absolutely stunning! We also managed to park and put up the awning perfectly with everyone watching. It is difficult to arrive discreetly when you are pulling an Airstream especially as they are still quite a rarity in Europe. Still, we always make lots of new friends! Although big, the camp had excellent facilities and was quite quiet - except for the local entertainment of dancing, singing, Swiss horn blowing and Swiss cow-bell jangling - all complements of the very efficient Swiss staff!! We loved it there. It was spotlessly clean, had local staff that helped us plan our stay and it was a fantastic central location to see all the major sights.



All set up in Lauterbrunnen

On our first full day unfortunately, it rained BUT we woke up to a lovely campsite, a lovely location surrounded by steep cliffs that masked views of the Eiger, the Mönch and the Jungfrau mountains ... and we had time to sit back and take a breather! We had a wander around Lauterbrunnen and walked the dog. It was a very relaxing day.

It's interesting being quite high and seeing the clouds moving up and down the cliff faces. The view towards the end of the valley was breath taking, even with a cloudy sky. We were also making a lot of friends in the campsite, as both the Airstream and Barkley were reasons to stop by. In just the first day we met a financial advisor and family, a guy who loves paragliding, a surgeon and an alcohol smuggler (you don't want to ask!!!). On our walk around we popped into a couple of shops and you will see that Amanda got into the Swiss swing of things!!



Amanda getting into the swing of Switzerland



What a change a day makes

The next day the sun shone and the waterfalls above our campsite looked great with more water falling due to the rain the day before.

We went to Interlaken, named because it is between two large lakes, the Brienz to the east and the Thun to the west. It is a small town but obviously attracts some wealthy visitors judging by the shops and hotels. Hang gliders and paragliders land in the middle of the town after launching themselves off the mountains!! Of course, more ice cream was enjoyed, as it was a wet day yesterday – so a bit of catching up!



Interlaken

Day 29 - Wow... hope you like mountain scenery!! We took a trip to the Schilthorn, which is one of the most amazing mountain locations in this part of the Alps. Scenery that just takes your breath away and the building at the top featured as the 'baddies remote alpine location' in one of the first James Bond movies - On Her Majesty's Secret Service with George Lazenby.



007 The baddies Alpine hideaway

To get there involves a cable car from Lauterbrunnen up to Sulwald and then a mountain railway up to Mürren. From there a 10-minute walk through what is pretty much a carless town, which was also very photogenic with the views of the Jungfrau on the other side of the valley. From Mürren it was another cable car to Birg and then another to the top of the Schilthorn. If you ignore all the 007 paraphernalia, then the views are fantastic. In one vista you can see the Eiger, the Mönch and the Jungfrau.



1st 3 Peaks - Eiger, Mönch, Jungfrau

Again, the pictures don't do the 360° panorama any justice whatsoever. Quite an amusing sight at the top, and beyond any safety barriers, was a guy with a mini digger hacking away at the rock. Rather him than me - if he moved it incorrectly it was a long way down. I've tipped one of those diggers over in my garden so you wouldn't get me on one at the top of the Schilthorn!! However, I did wander through the warning gate towards where he was digging - well I had to get some photos didn't I?



Brave man with digger

To be continued...

Springtime in the Rockies 2019

Jo Spivey Alderman, #7205



We began the caravan in Estes Park, CO on May 23, 2019 and were treated to a welcoming dinner with entertainment by Cowboy Brad who did all John Denver's songs, which was appropriate - and he was good and even looked like Denver. Then it snowed gently while this was going on - but then it melted.

Rocky Mountain National Park still had the beautiful snow-capped mountains also visible from our camp site; and most roads were open to explore. One could spend weeks there! Charles and Jane Wright invited us over to their traditional Rocky Mountain cabin for hors d'oeuvres and to admire the view and the hummingbirds.



Then it was off to Garden of the Gods RV Resort, around Boulder and Denver - but seeing incredible mountain views and none of the city congestion. Driving directions are well laid out and easy to follow. And did I say that the views were incredible!!!

Each stop has ample free time, and planned activities that are new and fun - a train ride through a canyon in a Vista Dome rail car, complete with breakfast. Some of the group elected to ride down Pike's Peak on a bicycle!! And we all had fun.



Most of our travels were on scenic byways. And it is easy to see that the Rocky Mountains are well named. We had informative ranger talks, star parties with enthusiastic volunteers and the jaw dropping beautiful Black Canyon of the Gunnison.

On to the Colorado National Monument with a lovely dinner at the Saddlehorn Picnic Area - many meals are included and usually on the travel day, which was quite convenient. And again, what vistas!! What a wonderful country we are blessed with.

We traveled the Dinosaur Diamond National Byway to the Dinosaur National Monument that is shared by Colorado & Utah - and we viewed and touched dinosaur fossils! This site contains one of the earth's richest known dinosaur fossil beds from the Jurassic period 150 million years ago. Then a white-water rafting trip on the Green River through Split Canyon - we enjoyed breathtaking views of this unusual canyon while riding the high waters of the Green River. And here we had a committee of our fellow caravanners prepare a wiener roast.



Then a short hop to Flaming Gorge, UT - near Dutch John, UT and a nice dinner after travel at the Flaming Gorge Resort. Followed by a free day to explore - and what sights to see! The canyons are flaming red, thus the name. The Green River has its water impounded to create Flaming Gorge Dam which extends 91 miles north. Below the dam, one can fish and raft on the Green River. Also, nearby on a mountain top is the historic Ute Fire Station, no longer in use, but interesting to view.



A quick ride north and you are in Yellowstone, 85+ miles from south to the north entrance to a nice campground. Our last stop, and yet again so much to see and explore. Even if one has seen Old Faithful, it bears another look. Two days of tours are arranged on Yellowstone Forever Buses.

And what an adventure Forever Yellowstone provided! Geyser basins, mud volcanoes, wide vistas, thundering waterfalls, Grand Canyon of Yellowstone and high mountain passes! And wildlife!

Bison with babies, 18 mountain goats and kids, Rocky Mountain long-horn sheep with lambs, moose, elk with babies, pronghorns, two wolves, grizzly



One of the longer trips was to Colter Bay in Moran, WY - and yet again, breathtaking mountain views along with high desert views. Colter Bay is part of Grand Teton National Park - and while I love my Blue Ridge Mountains, the Grand Tetons are my next favorite. Such Majesty! And so



much to see and do! Jackson Lake Lodge provides restaurants, shops and views of the mountains, as do many other stops in the Park.

Jenny Lake Lodge by Jenny Lake offers a boat ride to a hike to Inspiration Point and

Hidden Falls. I highly recommend that. Teton Village offers a tram ride to over 9000' - and then explore Jackson Hole. You will want to return to this snow-capped paradise.



bear with two cubs, peregrine with three chicks...and more. We saw much more than one could find alone. Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone provided an amazing waterfall.

And the final luncheon provided us with trout!! Delicious! And then a talk about Dr. Jim Halfpenny, famous for his work on climate change, animals, tracking - has written many books. Then the goodbyes to new friends - until we meet again...down the road! The Airstream Caravans are truly the way to travel - so well organized - we will all look forward to the next one.

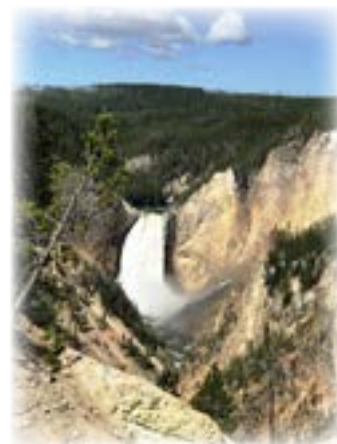


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The Best Amusement Park Military Discounts

Submitted by Norm Beu, #146

Amusement parks are a fun way for families to spend time together while on vacation. But tickets aren't cheap, especially for larger families.

Many military families take advantage of the military discounts available for the Disney parks, but may not be aware of the discounts available for other popular amusement parks.

Big Surf Waterpark

Big Surf Waterpark in Tempe, Arizona offers a military discount to active duty service members on general admission. Pay \$19.95 on tickets at the gate instead of \$34 and spend the day enjoying the wave pool, rides and slides.

Cedar Point

Military members get free admission to Cedar Point and Cedar Point Shores Waterpark every Monday from May 13 to September 2, 2019. All active, retired or honorably discharged military members are eligible, plus up to six Cedar Point tickets can be purchased for immediate family members at the military discount rate.

Colonial Williamsburg

Active duty receive one complimentary admission ticket per year (and as many as three direct dependents). If you don't use this deal, you can receive 50% off the purchase of up to five Annual Passes. Retired military and veterans qualify for 50% discount on Single-day tickets or on Annual Passes for up to three direct dependents. Click here for more details.

Diggerland

All active, retired, and veteran military members and their families (spouse, children, grandparents, etc.) are eligible to receive discounted admission to Diggerland USA Amusement Park in West Berlin, NJ. Admission ticket with military discount costs \$28.95 per person.

Dollywood

Dollywood in Tennessee offers a 30% discount on one-day admission tickets for active or retired military, disabled veterans, reservists, spouses, and dependents. Tickets can be purchased only at the front gate of Dollywood.

Dutch Wonderland

Dutch Wonderland offers admission at a special discount of \$10 off during the summer season to active and retired military personnel. Ticket is valid any one day during the 2019 summer season.

Gilroy Gardens

Active duty military personnel and guests may purchase a \$30 General Admission on all public operating days at Gilroy Gardens in Gilroy, California. Discounted General Admission tickets may also be purchased at many California Military Bases.

Great Wolf Lodge

The Great Wolf Lodge, an indoor water park with locations throughout the country, offers a discount to military families through their Howling Heroes program.

Hersheypark

Hersheypark offers military discounts valid for Regular Summer Operating Season, Hersheypark in the Dark, and Hersheypark Christmas Candylane. Check with your local military base for discounted admission tickets.

Holiday World & Splashin' Safari

Holiday World & Splashin' Safari in Santa Claus, Indiana offers a military discount every day. Show your ID at the ticket booth for \$38.99 General Admission tickets. Discount may be used on up to 6 tickets per visit.

Kentucky Kingdom

Kentucky Kingdom in Louisville offers a military discount of \$39.95 plus tax at the gate (regular price is \$54.95). This offer is valid for one entry during the 2019 season, and you can purchase up to 4 tickets per ID.

Kings Dominion

Active and retired military can purchase discounted single day general admission tickets to Kings Dominion in Virginia. Kings Dominion also offers seasonal discounts. During their Memorial Weekend Salute: Honoring Our Heroes and Star-Spangled Celebration events, admission is free for active and retired military.

Kings Island

Kings Island in Ohio offers discounts off the regular Front Gate admission price to active and retired members of the military and veterans. The discount offer is also valid for up to six family members. (The discount price may vary throughout the season.)

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Knott's Berry Farm

Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, California has roller coasters, family rides, water rides, games and arcades and live entertainment. Show your ID to purchase Knott's Berry Farm Regular admission tickets for only \$52. You can also visit your local base to find deals.

LEGOLAND

LEGOLAND Florida offers service members complimentary admission to LEGOLAND Florida Resort & Water Park. You can also save 10% on 1- and 2-day tickets with valid military ID at the gate.

At LEGOLAND California Resort, active duty military can receive discounts on one-day admission tickets as well as resort hopper tickets.

For both parks, you can also get discounts if you plan ahead and purchase the tickets through your MWR/ITT offices on base.

Magic Springs Theme and Water Park

Magic Springs offers a military discount with ID of \$29.99 plus tax. Family members are \$35.99 plus tax.

Morgan's Wonderland

Morgan's Wonderland in San Antonio, Texas offers \$6 off entry for military personnel and their families. You must show your military ID at the park.

Pacific Park

Located on the Santa Monica Pier, Pacific Park has rides, games, ocean front specialty

food outlets and seaside shopping. All active duty military personnel and immediate family members accompanying them get a 10% discount.

Santa's Village Azoosment Park

At Santa's Village Azoosment Park outside of Chicago in East Dundee, Illinois enjoy rides like the Viking Sea Dragon, catch a show and visit with Santa. Active duty military and direct dependents get free admission, and veterans get a discounted admission.

Schlitterbahn Waterpark and Resort

Schlitterbahn Waterpark and Resort in New Braunfels, Texas offers military rates through ITT/MWR offices at military installations. This discount is not available at the park so make sure you plan ahead.

Sea World Parks

Through the SeaWorld Parks and Entertainment program "Waves of Honor," military members can receive one complimentary admission per year to either SeaWorld, Busch Gardens, or Sesame Place. Register online because the offer is not available at the parks.

You can also purchase tickets at Shades of Green, an Armed Forces Recreation Center (AFRC) in Orlando, Florida, which is a 15 to 30-minute drive from SeaWorld. (Shades of Green is also a great place to stay if you're looking for affordable hotels in the area.)

Six Flags

Most military bases offer discounted admission tickets to Six Flags parks so check with your nearest MWR/ITT office. There are no military discounts available at the park ticket offices. Parks include Six Flags Great Adventure, Six Flags Great America, Six Flags Magic Mountain and Six Flags Fiesta Texas.

Stone Mountain Park

Members of the military and their immediate family can purchase an All-Attractions Pass at Stone Mountain Park in Georgia for \$24.95 plus tax.

Universal Studios

Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida offers an exclusive military vacation package. This includes 3-night hotel accommodations, 3-Park 4-Day Park-to-Park Ticket, early park admission to The Wizarding World of Harry Potter and access to select live entertainment venues at Universal CityWalk.

Purchase discounted tickets at your MWR/ITT office or Shades of Green.

Universal Studios Hollywood offers a discount off general admission tickets for active duty and retired military, DoD personnel, National Guard, Reservists and their dependents. You can pre-purchase tickets at your MWR/ITT office or you can order than on the phone.

Wet'n Wild Emerald Pointe Water Park

Wet'n Wild Emerald Pointe, the Carolinas' Largest Water Park offers a military discount at the main gate on any operating day. You'll get \$7 off each all-day adult general admission ticket.

Wild River Country

Wild River Country, a 26-acre park in North Little Rock, Arkansas has thirteen attractions, party decks, three pavilions and a volleyball court. The water park offers military personnel \$5 off one-day admission tickets.

Worlds of Fun

Worlds of Fun, located northeast of downtown Kansas City, offers a military discount off the front gate admission price to military members and their families. You can also get discounted tickets at local military installations, such as Offutt Air Force Base and Fort Leavenworth.



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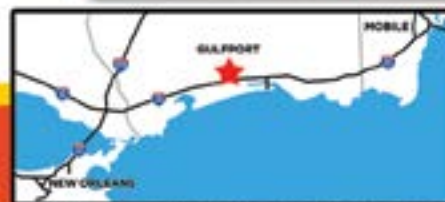


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NY State of Mind Caravan 2018: Explore New York

Shelley Randall, #7832

Jim Moser and Shelley Randall went on an Airstream Caravan in August 2018 for 25 days, exploring the state of New York with stops at seven camping sites. The caravan leaders, Debbie and Mark Hammer, are native New Yorkers and we experienced New York from Niagara Falls through the Adirondacks to New York City. There was a nice balance and variety of history and adventure with great food throughout the caravan.

Highlights included many boat cruises: Niagara Falls "Maid of the Mist," Erie Canal and the Lockport Locks (we now know what "low bridge everybody down" means from the Erie Canal song); Keuka Lake (one of the Finger Lakes) where Jim and I, on one of our free days, enjoyed a leisurely two-hour pontoon boat ride; a two-hour cruise of the 1000 Islands on the St. Lawrence River (there are really 1864



Shelley on the Maid of the Mist at Niagara Falls

islands); cruising on Lake Champlain near Fort Ticonderoga; and a two-hour cruise on the Hudson River.

We also learned a lot about New York and its history through visiting the Corning Museum of Glass and saw how artificial eyeballs are made; the Glenn Curtiss Museum (he was an aviation pioneer); Boldt Castle (a full size Rhineland castle on one of the Thousand Islands, Heart Island); the Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks; the Lake Placid Olympic Museum where we compared the size of the ice hockey arenas of 1932 and 1980; Fort Ticonderoga; Saratoga National Historical Park, site of a battle which was the turning point of the Revolutionary War; West Point Museum; attended an airshow at the Rhinebeck Aerodrome; the Rockefeller estate Kykuit and Washington Irving's home Sunnyside.

We experienced adventure: Jim rode a bobsled for a half-mile hair-splitting ride at Lake Placid; we went on the Cloud Splitter Gondola Ride with a fantastic view of Lake Champlain and



Jim bobsledding at Lake Placid



Our Caravan Leaders, Debbie & Mark Hammer

the Adirondacks. We walked across the Hudson River on a Walkway which was reconstructed on a former railroad bridge.



Caravanners on the NY State of Mind Caravan; photo by Jennifer Hicks, #2692



Lunch at Sagamore Resort on Lake George

In addition to dining with various friends we met on the caravan, we dined at a restaurant at the Sagamore Hotel, with a beautiful view of Lake George; enjoyed a five-course Italian meal at the Culinary Institute of America (along with a tour). At our first gathering, our caravan leaders prepared typical New York State foods such as Buffalo wings, beef on weck, and Syracuse salt potatoes. Later in the caravan, they prepared a New York bagel breakfast. We dined at the Officer's Club at West Point (and had a tour). We co-hosted a BBQ for the entire caravan which was a nice way to relax before our hectic schedule in NYC.



We went up in the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty



One World Trade Center

One of our favorite experiences was camping at Croton Point Park on the Hudson, the closest RV campsite to NYC (an hour and a quarter by train to Manhattan and about two hours by bus, depending on traffic). We were there for four days and stayed an extra day once the caravan ended. A bus took us into Manhattan for two days and we rode a train into NYC on September 1. We had two free days in Manhattan and enjoyed a Broadway play *Come From Away* (especially meaningful to us since we had been to Gander, Newfoundland on our first international caravan in 2011); we viewed the city from the top of the Empire State Building, took a carriage ride around Central Park, and rode the hop-on-hop-off bus throughout downtown and uptown, seeing many sites. After the final banquet, we stayed another day and rode the train into the city for a four-hour guided tour of the Statue of Liberty (we went up into the pedestal for fantastic views of the harbor and the city) and also toured Ellis Island.

This was a great caravan with lots of adventures, suitable for a variety of interests.



Carriage ride around Central Park



Viewing the Hudson River from walkway



BBQ and entertainment at Ulster Fairgrounds, New Paltz

National Park Service Boss Visits Special Trailer

Lew Brodsky, #2585

Doswell, VA - After speaking to a large assembly of Airstream owners, Dan Smith, who heads the U.S. National Park Service, visited a rare Airstream travel trailer camped at this huge rally in central Virginia.

This unique trailer, a "Limited Edition" Airstream, was built in 2016 to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the National Parks. Its nameplate declares it to be #44 of only 100 the company produced. With an interior decorated by The Pendleton Company, it has wall coverings with National Park map designs, as well as fabrics and dinnerware that sport Native American patterns, western themes and southwest colors. For each of the 100 "Pendleton-N.P.S." trailers Airstream sold, the Ohio-based RV company donated \$1,000 to the National Park Foundation.

At this 62nd International Rally of the Wally Byam Airstream Club (WBAC), also known as The Airstream Club International, nearly 700 iconic, aluminum Airstreams and 1,500 club members from throughout the U.S. and Canada camped on the grounds of The Meadow Event Park near Doswell, VA. It is the first time the annual event was held in Virginia. Attendees enjoyed a week of seminars, classes, tours, guest speakers, food, entertainment and good fellowship.



Seated left to right in the Airstream's dinette: Sylvia Worrall, Justin Humphreys, Dan Smith, Bill Worrall and Barry Bell



Pictured left to right: Trailer owners Sylvia & Bill Worrall (and dog, "Lizzie"); Dan Smith, Acting Director, National Park Service; Justin Humphreys, Chief Operating Officer, Airstream, Inc.; and Barry Bell, International President, Wally Byam Airstream Club (WBAC)

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The 1959-60 African Caravan Part 4: Uganda and Kenya

We continue our 1959-60 African Caravan review following the caravanners thru Uganda and Kenya.

Uganda
October 14 - 20, 1959

After crossing the border from the Belgian Congo into Uganda, the roads were much improved and mostly paved. Everything appeared more prosperous and reflected a British influence: the homes; the way the natives were dressed; the coffee, cotton, and banana plantations; and the masses of bicycles on the roads. The caravan crossed the equator going south on the short drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park, where a 2-day stop provided the opportunity to view all sorts of wildlife, including dozens of hippos, elephants and water buffalo during a boat ride on the Kazinga Channel between Lake Edward and Lake George. After exiting the park, they crossed the equator again going north before turning east toward Kenya.

On October 17, the good roads allowed a one-day 200-mile drive to Kampala, the capital of Uganda. Four trailers were waiting for the caravan in Kampala, including those that had



Meeting time at the Kampala, Uganda Campsite

made the hunting side trip who had frozen Cape Buffalo and Kob meat to share. The campsite in

Kampala was more luxurious than typical for Africa. They were parked at an old airport with water hookups, trash bins, a camp guard, and daily milk and ice cream deliveries at their campsite.

During their 3-day stay, the Kabaka (the native King of Buganda) held a reception for the caravanners at his Palace, with #2476 Dr. Anthony and Helen Reiger bringing their Airstream for the Kabaka to inspect.

Some caravanners made a 20-mile side trip to Entebbe, where the British had their administrative headquarters, on the shores of Lake Victoria, the second largest freshwater lake in the world.



The King of Buganda with the Reigers

At their last stop in Uganda at Tororo, three caravanners, Guy Hawks, Virgil Golden, and Elmer Benham went to a Hindu Mosque to explain the caravan. Tororo was one of the few places in Africa where the caravan was able to hold a "happy hour", as they were less hurried and making fewer repairs. One of the topics of discussion was the upcoming Northern Frontier of Kenya where travel required a permit and

getting caught in the rainy season might strand the caravan for weeks.

Kenya

October 21 – November 10, 1959

On October 21 the caravan departed Uganda for a 2-day drive to Nairobi, Kenya, crossing the equator for the fourth time near Nakuru at an altitude of over 9100 feet. As they passed thru the Kikuyu Reservation, the caravanners were amazed at the way the native men had pierced and enlarged their earlobes. Upon reaching the outskirts of Nairobi, they received a police escort to their parking area – one of the worst on the entire caravan – in a recently abandoned dump amid piles of rubbish. Here they were not allowed to dig gopher holes. They were required to empty their septic tanks into open buckets for the natives to dispose of.

Because this was the halfway point of the caravan and the last large city before they entered the desolate areas in Northern Kenya and Ethiopia, the caravan planned a two week stop in Nairobi to allow ample time for extensive truck and trailer repairs. They could also restock food and spare parts and catch up on rest before beginning the most difficult part of the journey. Many frames were welded, and many new tires, springs, and axles were ordered. Trucks were serviced at the local International Harvester dealer. Some caravanners moved into hotels and hired natives to clean and repair their rigs. The Bos's had one of their water tanks completely replaced, as it was leaking for the 6th time since the start of the caravan.

Once the rigs were put back in order, caravanners had a variety of sightseeing options in and around Nairobi. Some caravanners, including #165 Oscar and Etta Payne, visited Nairobi National Park for their last opportunity to see big game African wildlife. The Calmes,

Meissenburg, and #1042 Dr. Loren and Loretta Miller families left for big game hunting in the foothills of Mt. Kenya. #1199 Gene Ritchie and the #2058 Andrew family took their rigs to the Serengeti Plains and Ngorongoro Crater in northern Tanganyika to view wildlife. #342 Ralph Douglass headed a committee to investigate options for visiting Tanganyika's capital city of Dar es Salaam and the island of Zanzibar (the Island of Cloves and the former center of the African slave trade). Many caravanners visited these places by plane, bus and boat. Some took sightseeing flights over Africa's tallest mountain, Mt. Kilimanjaro. Others drove or took a train ride to Mombasa on the Indian Ocean.

During the stop in Nairobi, Wally Byam flew to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to see if he could work out a deal to allow the caravan to enter the country. Upon his return, he informed the caravanners he had posted a \$100,000

roving bandits. During a heated meeting after Wally's return, many grievances were aired and November 5 was set as the departure date from Nairobi, which would put them only about a week behind their planned schedule despite their many challenges so far. The caravanners voted to give up on the original plan of being in Bethlehem for Christmas because they knew the worst roads still lay ahead.

For various reasons, a few caravanners decided to leave the caravan from Nairobi to ship home via the port city of Mombasa. In addition to the La Frances, who had already made the decision to leave, the Calmes and Dr. Miller families left after their return from the hunting trip. Additionally, #2397 Dr. Reginald and Dorothy Bigham and #2400 Leon and Catherine Douglass and sons Ronald and Barry, also decided to leave.

The LaFrances hoped to sell their rig in Africa and fly home, but it is currently unknown if they did. The Bighams did sell their Airstream in Africa, where it was discovered in the early 2000s, eventually being hoisted onto the roof of the Grand Daddy Hotel in Cape Town, South Africa to become a luxury suite.

A potluck and farewell dinner for the families leaving from Nairobi was organized. After dinner the young people of the caravan put on a skit modeled after a popular TV show of the time "You Are There". They poked fun at every caravanner and highlighted some of the serious and amusing things that the caravan had experienced so far. A great time was had by all.

As the caravan prepared to leave Nairobi for Ethiopia, it was down to 92 people, 35 trailers out of the original 41, and the three support trucks, though Wagon Boss Lou Mousley would remain in Nairobi for repairs as the caravan departed. #616 Harry Halbritter would act as Wagon Boss until Lou could catch



The Paynes see Wildlife in Nairobi Park

bond for the caravan, secured a campsite at the Emperor's racecourse in Addis Ababa, and arranged for a truck to deliver fuel to two points in southern Ethiopia. Guards would accompany the caravan within Ethiopia to protect it from

back up. Very importantly, three of the original six doctors remained with the caravan. Wally arranged for a fuel truck to accompany the Caravan from Nairobi to the Ethiopian border 450 miles away. Heavy rains began the day before their departure and their campsite became so waterlogged and muddy that many rigs had to be pushed and pulled out by hand on November 5.



Leaving the Muddy Mairobi, Kenya Campsite

The road climbed to over 9000 feet where they crossed the equator for the fifth and final time at Nanyuki. The next day they passed the last cultivated fields on their way to Isiolo where they would enter the Northern Frontier District, a desert wasteland that comprised the northern half of Kenya.



Northern Frontier District Sign



Lined up to refuel from the tanker in Northern Kenya

Once their permits to enter the Northern Frontier District were approved, the disbelieving British Official raised the pole that blocked the road and the caravan made it 7 miles, passing giraffes, ostriches, and zebras, before acting Wagon Boss #616 Harry and Aileen Halbritter broke a spring shackle on their truck and had to return to Isiolo for welding repairs. The caravanners pulled out their lounge chairs and waited 5 hours on the side of the road for the Halbritters to return.



Waiting on the road north of Isiolo, Kenya

By dark, the caravan only made it 25 miles north of Isiolo, where they parked on the road overnight. The next day they passed their first camel caravans noting that camels seemed better suited to the sand and rough terrain than their trucks and Airstreams. They overnighted at a British Outpost that had no water to share

because it came via camel train from a well 20 miles away. The following day they made it to Wajir and refueled their trucks from the fuel tanker that had accompanied them from Nairobi and refilled their water tanks from a muddy well hoping that their filters would remove the impurities.

Leaving Wajir they hit their first big sand dune. Many made it thru, but a few timid drivers got stuck and had to be pulled out. The caravan soon split into two groups about 15 miles apart as truck and trailer damage slowed some rigs. The groups reunited at an airstrip 6 miles south of the Ethiopian border where a water truck came to refill their tanks and they topped off their fuel tanks for the last time from the tanker that had accompanied them from Nairobi. At the drivers meeting the next morning, there was an air of excitement as they prepared to enter Ethiopia even though they had no detailed maps and southern Ethiopia had terrible roads, no telephones, no telegraph, and no radio communication.

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Caravanning Tech Tips - Part 4

Continued from August 2019

Furnace & Water Heaters

The coach furnace rarely has problems while water heaters are always going bad. Does the water have something to do with this? Nah! The water heater is exposed to the elements since its electronics are outside while the furnace is nicely protected from the weather inside the RV. Both units use igniters, which provide a spark to light the propane. Igniters wear out and must be replaced depending on usage. You should have a spare igniter for each heater. Other than cleaning the gas nozzle and the burner chamber every year, you usually do not need to worry about the furnace.

As mentioned earlier make sure all of the water heater electrical connections are tight. If you have an older trailer and your circuit board is exposed to the elements, you should **purchase a new potted board** with the spare igniter so that when cleaning the old board no longer works you are ready to go. Another spare part of value is a **low temperature thermostat** that sets the water temperature. These often go bad and if they open, you will have no hot water. If it fails closed, the water will stop heating when the high temperature thermostat operates. This is much too hot for a human being and you are likely to be burned. By the way, you can usually get good parts discounts from the vendors at the International Rally so pick up your spares there.

A good modification is to purchase a variable (low temperature) thermostat that allows you to set the water temperature to your liking. We reduce the temperature when our grandchildren are aboard and increase it when it is just my wife and me. This is installed in place of the fixed temperature thermostat.

Keep the water heater compartment and the main burner orifice clean. Periodically clean the furnace compartment and its main burner. Learn how to adjust the main burner for the proper flame for both the water and coach heaters. The proper gap for the igniter is 1/8" between the electrode and ground. Clean the burners in alcohol and let them dry. You can use a round toothpick to clean the jets but never use a metal object since it can change the orifice opening. Wet the toothpick and twirl it in the jet. Circuit board contact cleaner will also work since it leaves no residue.

When something is not working correctly, the first thing to check is the wire connections, particularly the grounds. By the way, if the ground screw can no longer be tightened, replace it with the next larger screw size. If that does not work, then find another ground point. Do not just tighten as much as you can and hope it will hold because it will fail before you reach your next stop. Sometimes you will need to carefully make a new hole for the ground connection. Be careful and do not drill a blind hole into the water tank (unfortunately, I have seen this happen a few times).

In all my years of camping, I have never found a defective pressure-temperature relief valve. However, I have found many leaking valves. Often the owner is sold a new valve that results in the leak being gone and the assumption that the old valve was faulty. The valves appear to leak only when the heater is operating. Most water heaters are designed to operate with an air gap at the top of the tank that provides for expansion when the water is heated. When the valve leaks, it is usually because this air gap is no longer present. To fix the problem turn off the heater and the water supply. Open a faucet in the RV and relieve the water pressure. Open the relief valve handle and keep it that way until the water stops flowing. Snap shut the valve handle and you will then have the air gap back with no more leaks.



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When you are camping in cold weather the water heater cycles quite a bit since the water in the tank cools off much faster. Just before I turn off the bathroom light to go to bed, I also turn off the water heater. This stops the constant cycling during the night and saves propane. Just do not forget to turn it back on in the morning.

Refrigerator

The primary maintenance for your refrigerator is keeping the compartment clean, cleaning the burner assembly and cleaning the flue baffle. On gas operation, the spark electrode should be spaced from 1/8" to 3/16" from the burner tube. A separate thermocouple tells the gas valve that the flame is on and it is safe to keep the gas valve open. The thermocouple should be in the flame. The flame should have a clear blue color. The burner jet can be cleaned by soaking it in alcohol and then blowing dry with compressed air. If you do not have alcohol you can soak it in vinegar, but you should leave it in for at least two hours. You can also use special contact cleaner (leaves no residue). Do not use anything metallic that could alter the size of the jet. Procedures for cleaning the flue are in your instruction manual. You should do this maintenance procedure at least once a year.

For spare parts, you should have a 3 amp and a 5 amp cartridge-type fuses. The 3 amp is for the control system and is required for gas, AC or DC operation. The 5 amp fuse is for the heater for AC operation. If your fridge operates only on gas, then the problem is usually either the fuse or the AC heating element. However, do not forget to check the connections first and make sure the AC supply is getting to the fridge circuit board. If you are operating on AC but not on gas, then check to see if the igniter is sparking and the thermostat is within the flame. If you have a three-way unit that operates on DC, you will also have a 35 amp fuse. Remember for DC operation you are drawing over 25 amps out of the coach batteries and you should only do this with some source of high current DC, in addition to the batteries (like the engine alternator in a motor home or a generator).

The circuit board connectors are a big source of failures, especially for the older units. There are several connectors (Molex connectors) on the board that can get loose and may develop corrosion. Remove each connector separately and spray both sides with the contact cleaner. Wipe the contacts dry and put a small amount of Silicon Dielectric on the male pins. I have seen many refrigerators repaired with a new circuit board when all that was required was cleaning the contacts on the old circuit board connectors.

During hot weather if your unit is not cooling properly, I recommend installing a fan in the outside compartment. This should be installed as close to the top of the coach as you can reach and should be exhausting

the air. The air across the fins is what takes the heat out of the fridge compartment and provides maximum cooling. I do not like the fan units that come with an automatic thermostat since they do not come on soon enough. Once you lose temperature, it can take many hours overnight to regain adequate cooling. I installed a switch inside the RV and turn it on when my thermometer inside the refrigerator tells me it is getting near 40 degrees.

A little tip: if you lose your refrigerator on a caravan and cannot get a fast repair, remove as much of the food that does not really need to be cooled (soda, fruit, veggies, cheese, etc.) and put bags of ice in your freezer compartment. Also, fill your vegetable crispers with ice. This should keep the critical food cold until you can get repairs (you can put the beer in the vegetable crispers along with the ice). I have seen people rush off to buy several coolers when they have a perfectly good temporary icebox installed in the RV. Just put the ice in plastic bags or whatever large fridge containers you have. Large blocks of ice will last longer. If you use open containers, like the vegetable crispers, do not forget to periodically empty the water from them. If you can find dry ice, get some for the freezer. This will keep the freezer food in good condition.

Air Conditioners

There are not too many spare parts needed for your air conditioner. Inside the RV you should remove and either clean or replace the air filters. Remove the knobs and then the two nuts/screws from underneath to drop the shroud, which has the filters installed in it. You should do this every two weeks if things are very dusty since dirty filters will severely reduce the efficiency of the A/C. You can purchase permanent filters that can be washed, dried and reused. They are a lot cheaper than the replaceable type for a two- or three-month caravan. Some units have drain tubes for the A/C drain water that are routed through the walls of the RV. These tend to clog up at the top and the drain water can drip inside the coach. When you are getting gas and checking your tires, blow the tubes clean on a regular basis. If you have a compressor in the RV, fix up a coiled hose with the proper blower tool and you can do it yourself. You should also keep the condenser coils clean by climbing on the roof, removing the top shroud and using low-pressure compressed air.

If your air conditioner just blows air but the compressor is not working, first check the AC (alternating current) supply and make sure you have at least 117 VAC. If that is ok, then remove the cover on the roof and check that there is 117 VAC at the air conditioner voltage input terminals. These are screw terminals and after lots of mileage on the rig they tend to loosen up, get dirty and may start to arc. Clean the terminals and wires and retighten the connections.

Happy trails to you. See you, safely, down the road.

To be continued next month.

We Enjoyed the Ride!

62nd International Rally

Hedda Smithson, #3719

The purpose of an International Rally is to conduct the business of the Wally Byam Airstream Club and to vote on issues before the delegates. Members who attend take advantage of the opportunity to see old friends and make new ones. We did!

(Tom and Hedda Smithson have attended International Rallies since 2008. We have seen many improvements. These are noted with an *.)

President Barry and First Lady Karen Bell put together a fabulous rally in Doswell, VA from *July 20 to 27. The rally color was a cheerful green, perhaps worn by a racehorse jockey. Members parked their Airstreams on what once was a thoroughbred horse park called The Meadow. Now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the farm is where the famous Triple Crown winner, Secretariat, was born and raised. The Farm Bureau Center housed the *check in, vendors, caravan displays and sign up tables, evening entertainment, craft show, photo contest, flea market, line dancing, presentations, and meetings. Atop a hill sits Meadow Hall, the home of Penny Chenery, Secretariat's owner. International officers and the corporate manager were on the second floor. Small groups gathered for meals and the Ladies Tea on the first floor. The friendship center where people played Joker and attended jam sessions most afternoons happened on the first floor as well. (Be sure to ask Tom about the "office" he shared with Parliamentarian Joanne Miller.)

On July 17, we drove our cute red car to the *reception center near gate 6. Greeters gave us a *#10 envelope with a welcome letter from Barry and Karen, rally ribbons, 2 welcome dinner tickets, and a ticket to exchange for an insulated tote plus a welcome bag with rally programs, pins, plaque and Doswell information. If we had our Airstream, the *RAT (Rally Arrival Team) would have guided us to our spot. *Parking was scheduled from 8 AM to 8 PM every day. *We would have been parked next to others who arrived at the same time. (We stayed at a motel.) In the Farm Bureau Center, we checked in. At the credentials desk, we both received committee chair ribbons. Hedda exchanged the Delegate Authorization form signed by Mike Minadeo for her credentials that listed the number of votes, 167, to be cast. Later in the week, Hedda submitted 3 issues of the NorCal News to Kathy Blake, Unit Publications Chair. This is the last year this competition will be held. NorCal and Steve Deiwert brought home the blue ribbon. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Food is always important to Airstream folks. In the Farm Bureau Center, there was a small food stand that served salads and sandwiches. In one of the corners was a MARVELOUS ice cream stand. There was a line every night after the entertainment! Group meals were held in Meadow Hall and Meadow Pavilion. The centerpieces took the theme of "Enjoy the Ride" to unbelievable heights!

At the July 20 International Board of Trustees (IBT) Meeting, motions were approved that shorten National Caravans and clean up the Blue Book. New logos for two clubs were approved. *Recently the board voted to include the seminar where member input is encouraged within the IBT meeting. Smooth!

The Opening Ceremony was held later that evening. Tom carried the Region 12 flag and Hedda carried the one for NorCal. Region 12 looked great: each of the eleven clubs had a flag bearer. Region 12 past president Robert Stansbury sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "O Canada".



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The entertainment that evening was Mountain Highway, a family band. Dad plays the upright bass accompanied by four of his kids on banjo, fiddle, mandolin and guitar. It was bluegrass at its best!

At the July 24 Delegates meeting, a quorum (91 of 108 clubs) was present. Again, each of the eleven clubs in Region 12 had a delegate. These officers were elected: Mona Heath, President; Andrew Selking, First Vice President (VP); Tye Mott, Second VP; Eric McHenry, Third VP; Vickie Courtney, Secretary; and James Polk, Treasurer. Carolyn Beardshear and Debbie Hammer were elected members of the Nominating Committee. They will work with Barry Bell, immediate Past President.

President Mona Heath conducted a flawless IBT Meeting on July 27. The Board approved motions concerning the Corporate Manager, renaming the Electronic Communication Committee as the Information Technology Committee, and approved a three-digit Airstream number for a past Region President.

Highlights of the rally were the presentations and round tables. Tom gave two: "iPhone Basic Function & Use" and "Smart Apps for Smart Travelers." We both went to Gina Eggers' presentation "The Art of Airstream Cooking". (Gina writes the column for the *Blue Beret*.) Hedda went to Ultimate Airstream: Imagine the Possibilities. (Want a dishwasher or a washer/dryer? They can help you!!)

Edgar Cruz, a member of Antsy McClain, rocked the house on July 23. He could go solo - anytime, and he does. He earned a BA in music from Oklahoma City University in 2010. The next evening, we enjoyed the WBCCI Band and Choir. Mona Heath and her group introduced the 2020 Rally in Loveland, CO. Rumor has it that 500 of the 700 sites have been booked.

*Digital communications were a big part of this rally: Facebook, doswell.wbcci, Twitter and a super cool app called Grupio. With Grupio on a smart phone, one could look at schedules, speakers, vendor, attendees and their locations, daily rally news and more!



Tom with the Region 12 flag

Norm and Judy Lyons of Redding were also at the rally. They have stories to share as they made their way across country stopping at National Parks and Washington DC. Ask Norm how he feels about the heat in Redding compared to what we experienced in Virginia!



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Caravan Memories

Springtime in the Rockies Caravan

May 23 - June 17, 2019

Kay Bowman, #17989

Have you ever seen anything more beautiful
Than the Rockies in the spring?
Where flowers burst forth in grandeur
And birds in chorus sing?

We all were headed there –
It was to be our destination
And each mile brought us closer
With eager anticipation!

Soon we all were gathered
As excitement filled the air –
We came from here; we came from there,
And it seems most everywhere!

We met in Estes Park
For our adventure to unfold
And joined there the Heist's and Hewin's
Who were our leaders brave and bold...

But before I go any further,
I must stop here and say –
It was not spring when we arrived,
But winter that day!

The sky was gray and cloudy
With snowflakes in the air,
And we were chilled to the very bone,
But still did not despair!

Perseverance was in order
As we moved on with our plan
To a delicious welcome meal
And entertainment that was grand!

We toured a rustic, Rockies cabin,
Invited there by Charles and Jane Wright –
And viewed a Rocky Mountain film
Which was a magnificent delight!

Soon we all were headed
To our next caravan stop –
Caribou Springs and surroundings
Which we looked forward to a lot...

It was early morning that day
When we all boarded the train
For a trip through the spectacular canyon –
Royal Gorge by name...

The sky was so blue –
The canyon walls red –
And what a delicious breakfast
When we all were fed!

"Garden of the Gods"
Was the main attraction here
With its lovely rock formations
Standing out quite clear...

Some of us were most adventurous
Riding bicycles down Pikes Peak
Through wind and snow and sleet,
Till their journey was complete...

And driving the Phantom Canyon Road
Was an experience beyond compare,
With breathtaking scenery, an old wooden bridge,
And beauty everywhere!

Now we were camped
At Blue Mesa by the lake,
Looking forward with joy
To the tour we would take...

To Black Canyon of the Gunnison,
At the narrows, its walls 40 ft. apart –
Its depth, narrowness and somber countenance
Shocks you with a sudden start...

Then we were off to Crested Butte,
A quaint little western town,
At 8,900 feet elevation
And with majestic mountains around...

Colorado National Monument!
Brilliant, big, and bold!
With towering masses of naturally sculpted rock
Stretching further than the eye can behold!

And what a wonderful surprise it was there
When we stepped upon the hill
And saw tables elegantly set
For a delicious gourmet meal!

Some of us visited Arches National Park, Utah;
Others went to Capital Reef –
Where pinnacles, spires and domes
Were big, bold and brilliant beyond belief!

Many years ago they lived here –
Dinosaurs big and small,
Till one day there were not
Any dinosaurs at all...

They disappeared on earth
With drought throughout the ages
And now we only find them
In the books of history pages...

Except at Dinosaur National Monument
Where history comes alive
Where we learned about the dinosaurs
And why they didn't survive...

And such a good hot dog roast
That we all enjoyed there,
While we watched golden mantle squirrels
And their funny antics in the air!

The raft trip on Green River
Was as exciting as could be
With splashing water, painted canyons,
And Bighorn Sheep to see!

Flaming Gorge—what a beautiful place!
Nestled in rocks all around –
A place of beauty—a place of quiet –
A place where peace can be found...

We had just arrived at Flaming Gorge,
And were just getting ready to eat,
When the sudden burst of a dust storm
Brought us scrambling to our feet...

There was dust on our plates
Dust covered our hair –
And when we looked around,
Dust was everywhere!

We were not to be deterred, though,
As we moved our meal inside
To enjoy pork, prime ribs and chicken
With an appetite undenied...

The Grand Tetons are so majestic –
Just picture postcard perfection –
Their pinnacles reaching up to the sky
And their beauty spreading in every
direction...

Now we were traveling to our last stop –
Yellowstone National Park!
A park of geysers and canyons and vents –
A place from which adventure starts...

Our final banquet was held in Montana
At the Cowboy Lodge and Grill,
Where cowboy life emerged
And the pioneer spirit was revealed...

Our caravan was quickly coming to a close
And we felt a bit of sadness in our heart,
For we had become like one big family
And soon it would be time for us to part...

From Estes Park, Colorado to Yellowstone Park, Wyoming,
We had traveled over 1,000 miles,
Learning about the beautiful Rocky Mountains,
The land, the people, their styles...

From Black Canyon of the Gunnison
To dinosaurs and geysers and spouts,
We saw wonders unbelievable
That we always wondered about...

From snow-capped majestic mountains
To interesting museums of the past,
We will take with us wonderful memories
That forever in our hearts will last...

We met warm and friendly people
Who were helpful to us and kind –
And for showing western hospitality
Were among the best that we could find...

The Heists and the Heins
Were our leaders brave and bold
And around each bend and turn
Did our caravan unfold...

We thank you, Heist's and Hewin's,
For "Springtime in the Rockies" Caravan,
For being our faithful guides
And for all the events you planned...

But, most of all, to God,
We give our thanks and praise
For health and friends and adventure
As we shared our caravan days.



Photo from Encyclopedia Britannica

Apollo 11's "Mobile Quarantine Facility" is admired by 100 Airstream owners on the 50th Anniversary of the Splashdown

Lew Brodsky, #2585

Dulles, VA - About 100 owners of today's Airstream trailers and RVs visited the National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center to admire what is perhaps the most famous Airstream trailer of all time; one that was seen on television by the whole world on July 24, 1969.

The 35-foot-long Mobile Quarantine Facility (MQF) was custom-built for NASA at the Airstream Company factory in Jackson Center, Ohio. Apollo 11 astronauts, Armstrong, Aldrin, and Collins were ushered into it when they returned from the moon and splashed down in the Pacific exactly 50 years ago today (July 24, 1969). Along with an engineer and physician, the three heroes were immediately biologically isolated in this Airstream aboard the recovery ship, U.S.S. Hornet. The trailer's filtered air was kept at a lower pressure to seal it off from the outside environment. This served as a precaution against the spread of any "moon germs" the astronauts may have contracted. The MQF and its human occupants were soon airlifted to the Houston Lunar Receiving Laboratory, where the men remained separated from humanity until it was confirmed they were not infected with extraterrestrial organisms.

The group of visiting Airstreamers came to the museum from a huge RV rally being held in Central Virginia. They are here for the 62nd International Rally of the Wally Byam Airstream Club (WBAC), one of the oldest and largest RV associations in North America. Nearly 750 iconic Airstreams are camped all week on the grounds of The Meadow Event Park near Doswell, VA. It is



Photo by Diane Tripels, #6162

the first time the huge annual rally is being held in Virginia and it has attracted 1,500 attendees from throughout the U.S. and Canada. The Rally offers the Airstreamers tours of Virginia's points of interest (like Udvar-Hazy); and seminars, classes, guest speakers, food, entertainment, and good fellowship.

Airstreams, all made in America, are instantly recognizable on the nation's highways because of their all-aluminum construction and curved-roof aerodynamic shape. Their exterior design hasn't changed significantly since the first Airstream travel trailer was produced in 1931.



News photo of President Nixon (r.) congratulating (l. to r.) Neil Armstrong, Mike Collins and Buzz Aldrin. The three astronauts were sealed inside the MQF aboard the U.S.S. Hornet, July 24, 1969.



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Gratefully,

[Signature]
Lorae D. Ponder, M.Div., MSW
Executive Director

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THANK YOU TO GLENN WATERS

A huge thank you to Glenn Waters for his assistance during the Rally for Home Again. Home Again was the charity that was selected for the International Rally. Glenn received, sorted and packed all the items received at the Rally so that Home Again could easily pick them up. Glenn dealt with this daily and saw it through to completion.

THANK YOU GLENN!!

Caravans, Leaders and their Numbers

Joan Anderson, Caravan Promotions

In the Membership Directory, each Airstream member's listing includes the National Caravans that they have taken. A Caravan number may appear as N-37-F or R-32-A or U-12-B. To decipher the code is easy. N is for national caravans; the R is for Region caravans; and U is for unit caravans. On the National level, the numbering system starts with 1 and currently the number is 48. The numbering system would have seemed to have started in 1971. The lettering system starts every year with an A and continues through the alphabet as caravan leaders announce their caravan.

Between 1990 and 2017, there have been 133 Airstreamers who have volunteered to lead caravans. According to the WBCCI Blue Book's Bylaws and Policy page 55, Membership Numbers: "... the 800 series will be available for use of the WBCCI National Caravan Leaders who have led a minimum of five (5) National Caravans and as recommended to the IBT by the National Caravan Standing Committee Chair." Some leaders do not change from their four or five-digit numbers to an 800 number and it is not mandatory to do so.

These are the 800 numbers currently in use. You may have taken a National Caravan with one or more of them:

800 – Al and Gracie Buchanan have led hundreds of Airstreamers over the years. They led the Nor' by Nor'East (1990, 1991); Viking Trail (1992, 1995, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011); Maple Leaf Trail (1993, 1994, 2004, 2006); Alyeska - the Great Land (1994, 1996, 2000, 2002, 2010); Florida Fantasy (1999, 2000, 2004, 2006, 2011, 2018); Yellowhead and More (2008).

801 – Chuck and Sandie Kiple have led a dozen caravans. Polar Bear Caravan (1997,

1999, 2000, 2001, 2002); Nor' by Nor'East (2003); Golden Anniversary Caravan (2005); Great River Road (2006, 2008, 2010); Northern Experience (2009, 2011).

802 – David Levinson led ten caravans between 1999 and 2005 including Nor' by Nor'East (1999, 2001, 2003, 2007, 2009, 2011); Maple Leaf Trail (2004); and Golden Anniversary (2005).

803 – Gary Levinson has led eight caravans: Nor' by Nor'East (1999, 2007, 2009, 2011); National Landmarks West (2002); Northeast Youth Adventure (2003); Maple Leaf Trail (2004); Golden Anniversary (2005).

804 – Jamie and Susan King have been leading caravans since 2002: American Civil War Parts 1, 2, 3 (2002, 2003, 2004); Southeast Coast Spectacular (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008); Lighthouse Color (2006); Alyeska (2006); Taste of Carolina (2009, 2011); Taste of Carolina – Coastline (2010); Taste of Blue Ridge (2012, 2013).

805 – Jay and Elna Thompson have let the Southwest Adventure (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018).

806 – Ron and Cindi Carnein have led caravans for seven years: Southeast Coast Spectacular (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016); Viking Trail (2013).

807 – Winston and Carol Montague have led eight caravans: Southwest Adventure (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2017); Georgia Plantations and More (2014, 2015, 2016).

808 – Phil Glassey has led National Landmarks West (2008, 2010, 2014, 2018); Landmarks West following the Lewis and Clark Trail (2012); Southwest Adventure (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016).

809 – Trevor and Gale Lake have led the Nor' by Nor'East (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018).

811 – David and Linda Andrzejewski have led seven caravans: Alyeska (2004, 2006); Golden Anniversary (2005); Baja Adventure (2006, 2007); Northern Experience (2011); Great River Road (2012).



Mountains everywhere!
Photo by Kathy Bacon, #2059
from The Alyeska Caravan

Columbus Day & Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally

**Leicester, Vermont
October 11 - 14, 2019**

Dottie Walbridge

Please come and join us for the Columbus Day & Canadian Thanksgiving National Event Rally which is scheduled for October 11-14 at the Country Village Campground in Leicester, VT. This rally is sponsored by the Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club and is hosted by RJ Dominic and Tye Mott. You will be able to arrive on Thursday for an additional fee, but everyone must leave the campground on Monday.

The Country Village Campground is located in the middle of Vermont. What a wonderful time of year to camp in the Green Mountains. Beautiful colorful foliage wherever you drive. You can take in the Foley Brothers Brewing Company in Brandon, VT just seven miles south of Leicester. Or take in the Mount Horrid Scenic overlook at Brandon Pass. The view to the west of the Adirondacks is breathtaking. There is also the Maple View Farm Alpacas where you can learn about alpacas. There are the Neshobe River Winery and the Otter Valley Winery where you can sample the local wines. You can enjoy downtown Brandon by checking out the Blue Moon Clothing and Gifts store or the Book & Leaf Bookstore. There are restaurants for those who do not want to cook such as: Café Provence, Gourmet Provence, the Lilac Inn, Brandon House of Pizza, Mae's Place or the Long Iron Restaurant & Pub at Neshobe. These are all found in Brandon. Then 6.5 miles away in Pittsford you will find the New England Maple Museum.

You can spend your time exploring while taking in the colorful fall scenery or you can spend your time at the campground enjoying a relaxing weekend.

Our schedule includes a potluck breakfast, a wine and cheese happy hour and the highlight of the weekend is the "Smoked Turkey" Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday. If you wish to contribute a dish to share for the dinner, please contact RJ or Tye and let them know what you are going to bring. Larry Lamontagne will be the cook and he has done this many times before. The meal will be as delicious as it has been in the past. There will be a dessert happy hour and a new and exciting contest this year.

We want to thank Phil LeClair, Manager of Airstream of Vermont, for agreeing to bring some new Airstreams to this rally for you and the general public to look over and perhaps purchase, if you are so inclined.

Click on the link below to see a copy of the Columbus Day flyer: [Columbus Day & Canadian Thanksgiving Rally Flyer](#)

We hope to see you in Vermont!

REGION 1

J. Rick Cipot, Contributing Editor
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September has finally arrived, and I would like to point out an observation I have been noticing; for those of you who complained about the hot days of August will soon be able to complain about the cold days of winter. Amazing how the circle goes round and round along with the seasons and folks still complain. Me, I'm a New England boy at heart and I am thankful that we have four seasons. Sure we have some hot days and also freezing days with anything and everything between. Mark Twain - "If you don't like the weather in New England now, just wait a few minutes." So true. So what does all of that have to do with Wally Byam and Airstreams? Probably nothing.

Now that we got the kids off to school, used up all of our vacation days and turn our thoughts to the coming season, it's the perfect time to turn those weekends into mini escapes. We still have several WBAC rallies on the schedule for Region One along with some nice ones over at Region Two. Oh, can you do that? You bet you can. Any WBAC rally in the world (yes, world) is open to members. Now of course I mention world because we do have viable Airstream Clubs on the other side of that big body of water to our East. If you can get it there, you can join in the fun in jolly Ol' England or Europe. Perfect excuse to brush up on your French.

Of course there is always option B, put together a quick Buddy Rally and invite those friends who opted for something other than an Airstream as a second home. Your friends Bob and Linda who have that old pop-up will need only one weekend camping with a few Airstreams to realize they need to upgrade and do it soon! I have no idea what a *Flagstaff MAC* is but definitely not as comfortable as an Airstream. Other options exist such as going it solo. There is something about being set up in a state campground under the trees next to a small river with no one else around. The crisp smell of fall in the air, leaves bursting with colors and a hot cup of coffee watching the sun come up. Nice stuff. Now get up and get out of that La-Z-Boy and hook up. Not too many weekends left in the camping season for us Nor'easters. Be good to each other and see you around the next bend and don't forget, keep the shiny side up!

REGION 2

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Past Region 2 First Lady Debbie Hammer isn't taking a rest anytime soon. In fact, she, along with the Metro NY Club, is lobbying hard to gain enough

participation for a unique urban event “Airstream Nights at the Mets”. On a home-stand weekend in May 2020, Airstreamers will be able to park overnight at Citi Field - home of the New York Mets - in New York City, and attend both a Saturday night and a Sunday ballgame. There'll be tailgating and an open house for all fans at the ballpark to show Airstreams. The MetroNY Club is currently working with Representatives at Citi Field to make this unique urban rally a reality. For information about this event and to find out how you can help make this happen, visit the [Region 2 website](http://Region2.airstreamclub.net). (Region2.airstreamclub.net)

In August, Keystone's President Howard Mergelkamp, along with Don Harrington, led a busy week-long “Exploring Central Pennsylvania Caravan”. It included visits to Fort Necessity where George Washington helped start the French and Indian War, architectural masterpieces by Frank Lloyd Wright, a memorial to Flight 93, the site of the Johnstown flood tragedy, an outdoor U.S. Army Museum and Harrisburg's Capital Building and museums. For the sweet-toothed, a stop at Lindt Chocolate Warehouse in Carlisle provided a chance to restoke energy levels with purchases of fresh chocolate truffles and other goodies. To top it all off, those who couldn't join the caravan were invited to camp and join the caravanners on their ending weekend at Pine Grove Furnace State Park.

On September 3, about a dozen rigs will set out from the Ontario Canada Unit's 55th Anniversary Rally in eastern Ontario bound for Prince Edward Island (PEI). Caravan Leader Kerry Mattila has mapped out a leisurely route to PEI that includes the history and sights of the Acadian Peninsula in New Brunswick. It used to be that things pretty much shut down on PEI after Labour Day, but that's no longer the case. There's so much to do that the 13-night stay on the island may prove to be a little short. Fortunately, the seafood festival will be on while there, so when we go our separate ways at the end of our stay, it'll be with tummies stuffed on delectable from the sea.

Coming right up from September 5-8 is the 2019 Pennsylvania State Rally hosted by the Penn-Lehigh Unit at the Grange Fairgrounds in Centre Hall. Situated in the rolling hills of Pennsylvania, it's close to Poe Valley State Park and Penn's Cave and Wildlife Park. The Nittany Antique Machinery Association Fall Show is the same weekend and is just a short drive from the Fairgrounds. It will feature a huge flea market, demonstrations, food, entertainment and more.

It's only September and there's still lots of time to camp. See 'ya down the road.

REGION 3

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Rally around your Airstream!

Region 3 has so many creative people! Getting together with other members of our club is a great time to reconnect with old friends, make new friends, eat wonderful food, celebrate a holiday or special event and perhaps learn or try something new! A quick look at the Region 3 Activities page in the *Blue Beret* gives a glimpse into the creative ideas for getting members together. Of course, there are the Installation Rallies to place new officers in their respective office but there is also a real variety of getting together - musical rallies like the Galax Old Fiddlers, holiday rallies, back to nature, water fun, educational, maintenance, food centered including oysters and BBQ, and the Canopener and Hobo Rallies!

But there is a new trend in rallying and it doesn't include a campground. It is the Urban Rally and it takes place in town! Region 3 has had three Urban Rallies this year - Streamin on the Harbor in Georgetown, SC; Silver in the City in York, SC; Airstreams on Main Street in Havana, FL.

Instead of hooking up in a campground or park, boondocking is the order of the day! For a long weekend, Airstreams are lined up on a town's street. Airstreamers are encouraged to visit the local businesses, dine at the nearby restaurants and enjoy the local surroundings, museums and community center events.

If you missed the Region 3 Urban Rallies to date – there are two more coming up! Scheduled for October 10-13, 2019 in Farmville, VA, NORVA Airstream Club is hosting an Urban Rally. Please contact Tom Carmichael (tomc@sportsimageinc.com) or Lew Brodsky (lbrodsky@cox.net) for more information. Jay Thompson and the Big Bend Airstream Club has set March 26-29, 2020 for a return rally in Havana, Florida.

When asked for suggestions about places to have an Urban Rally, Region 3 people responded:

Rhonda Evans (Tidewater): Smithfield, VA - Beautiful town with colonial up to Victorian homes that are original not restored. An authentic Williamsburg!

Alicia Rafter (Florida Treasure Coast): Edgefield, SC – Though the number of rigs would probably have to be limited. They have a town square; less than 5,000 population; a great deal of history - it is on the Great Wagon Road of the latter 18 century and was established in 1785. The National Wild Turkey Federation and Winchester Museum are nearby.

Please consider Urban Rallying for a fun filled way to help get the Airstream way of life known to small town America!

REGION 4

Cindy Conant, Contributing Editor
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Region 4 is pleased to welcome our new president, Karen Fisher. Karen is a dedicated member of the Wally Byam Airstream Club who will work tirelessly for the Airstream clubs in her region. She has experienced hosting many rallies, gone on several caravans and attended rallies all over the country as well as holding several offices in her home club. Karen has also had the distinction of being the rally manager at the past three international rallies. We are lucky to have her as our president. Pictured is Karen in Doswell, VA, with her husband Wally Kimmel, at her installation as Region 4 president.



We also want to thank Don Hetzler for his fine job as president of Region 4. He was a good communicator as president, always aiming to keep members informed and up to date. The Region 4 rallies during his tenure as president were outstanding. Thank you, Don, for your dedication and hard work on behalf of our region.

Region 4 wishes everyone safe and happy adventures as the summer continues to hurry along.

Hope to see you all down the road.

REGION 5

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Hello all members of Region 5 and hope you are enjoying the summer season. It's been quite warm up here in Chicago with temperatures recently approaching 100 degrees. Things have been quite busy for Sandy and me for the last few months. I had hoped to retire but was asked to stay on with the firm for another 6 months or so. This has limited our ability to participate in Region activities, but we are doing the best we can. Unfortunately, we were not able to attend the International Rally this year and I thank Christopher Seplak for filling in for me. A big THANK YOU

Christopher. It's awesome to see how this club is run by volunteers and how people will step up to the plate and help out when asked.

The Region Rally will be held at Lee County Fairgrounds near Amboy, IL. The rally will start on September 4 and conclude on Sunday the 8th. I sent out a constant contact communication to all Region 5 members and it looks like we will have a reasonable turn out. Should be a nice time with many local attractions. Hope you folks can attend.

Well, keep safe and cool and enjoy the summer and looking forward to seeing you soon.

REGION 6

Mark Magie, Contributing Editor
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Hello from Region 6. Whew! We've made it through the hottest days of summer and autumn is ahead.

The Region 6 Rally is October 10-14 at the North Alabama State Fair, 65 Sportsplex Dr., in Muscle Shoals, AL. Muscle Shoals has a rich music history from the 1960s to today and music lovers will love this one. The theme is "Where Music is Made!" and the rally includes tours of record studios where Aretha Franklin, Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, The Rolling Stones, Percy Sledge, Cher, Lynyrd Skynyrd, to name just a few, have recorded hit songs. Look for the registration form at region6.airstreamclub.net

The Alabama Airstream Club is gearing up to host the Athens Old Time Fiddlers Special Event Rally, October 1-6, which includes the 53rd annual Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention in Athens, AL. This is the first of two special events rallies coming up in Region 6. The second is the International Storytelling Festival Rally, October 2-6, in Jonesborough, TN. Camping is in Gray, TN at the Appalachian Fairgrounds.

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club will be holding its award-winning, second annual Airstreams on the Square rally, September 5-8, in downtown El Dorado, AR around the Union County Courthouse. The rally coincides with the SouthArk Outdoor Expo on Saturday - a day of live bands, car show, dog show, and exhibits for outdoor enthusiasts. Register online at www.mainstreetel dorado.org. Next in October, the annual Arkaluma rally will be October 24-27 at Mulberry Mountain, 4117 Mulberry Mountain Loop, Ozark, AR. It is the fourth annual "Burning Mouse" with Airstreams parked in the magical wagon wheel arrangement.

The East Tennessee Airstream Club will hold its Louie Blue Festival and business rally, September 26-29, at Cove Lake State Park in Caryville, TN.

Activities include the Louis Bluié Festival, a ranger-led kayak tour of Cove Lake, hiking trails, the Museum of Appalachia, Norris Dam and the historic town of Norris.

Members of the Louisiana Airstream Club will hold officer elections during a rally set for September 12-16 at Parkers Landing Campground, 7577 E. Oaklaw Rd., in Biloxi, MS.

Mississippi Airstream Club members will hold officer elections at their Natchez Rally, September 17-21 at River View RV Park in Vidalia, LA.

The Music City Airstream Club will hold officer elections and installation, September 19-22 at Cedars of Lebanon State Park in Lebanon, TN. This event is for all Tennessee Airstream clubs. Following that, they will be attending the Tennessee Valley Olde Time Fiddlers Special Event Rally, October 1-5, in Athens, AL.

The West Tennessee Airstream Club members will hold their Hummingbird Festival rally, September 6-8, at Wall Doxey State Park in Holly Springs, MS. It will also be the club's election and business rally.

Hello from Region 6. Many of our club members are returning home from the 62nd WBCCI International Rally last month in Doswell, VA where those attending were treated to a week of fun with other Airstreamers from across the country.

REGION 7

Don Thomson, Contributing Editor
<http://region7.wbcci.net>

Good morning Region 7 and all Airstreamers - I hope that everyone had a safe trip home in the heat from Doswell. We had a really good time traveling after we got a ways up north. It is just the most fun going thru downtown Chicago. They even held off the accidents for us while we traveled in the metro area. The International was a great success. It is nothing short of fantastic to see all the volunteer committees in action. We are immediately on to the Region 7/Special Event Rally in Winnipeg, MB, CA. Folkorama will be fantastic and it will be cooler. Then we will be off to our Region 7 installation rallies. Region 7 units have selected great locations for the installations. It is always great fun to see the units select new officers for next year and develop a new program. We are an all-volunteer organization, and every member must be welcome to give their opinion as to what we do and how we do it. Often a great idea comes from a member that has never been an officer or on a committee. A note

on next year's International Rally - I understand that reservations for the rally have really filled up fast, as the venue should be great - and cool. Great Travels, and as always - be safe.

REGION 8

Mike Sisk, Contributing Editor
region8.airstreamclub.net

Since these articles are written two months in advance, this is my first *Blue Beret* article as the new President of Region 8. Thank you, members, especially those Past Region Presidents, who have offered your assistance in my new roll. I will call on you. Count on that. A big THANK YOU to Greg Vadner (and wife Frances) for volunteering to be the Region's 2nd Vice President and now becoming the 1st Vice President. We now need a 2nd Vice President. I also thank those of you that volunteered to serve as Region 8 officers, and I look forward to working with each of you.

Congratulations to the two newly renamed Region 8 Units: The Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club and the Iowa Airstream Club. The name changes were approved this past June.

The Midwest Vintage Airstream Club Rally scheduled for September 19-22 was postponed. As of this article the new date is TBD. For more information contact hosts Scott and Kathy Allen.

Soon the Clubs will be holding their annual business meetings, electing new officers and holding Installation Rallies. Greg and I will have busy travel schedules in September and October in order to attend the Installation Rallies.

Here are the rallies scheduled late September and early October: Greater St. Louis Airstream Club - annual business meeting September 19-22 at the Arrow Rock Historical State Park, Arrow Rock, MO, hosts Jane and Hugh Bartlett. Installation Rally October 17-20 at the Country Bend Campground, Litchfield, IL, hosts Joe and Sally Hauser. Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club Installation Rally, September 26-29 at the Cottonwoods RV Park, Columbia, MO, hosts Dan and Debra Doll. Nebraska Airstream Club - Installation Rally September 26-29 at the Stanton Lake Campground, Falls City, NE, hosts Ryan and Amy Knowles. North Iowa and Iowa Airstream Clubs Joint Installation Rally October 10-13 at Swan Lake State Park, Carroll, IA, hosts Scott and Jodi Jensen and Doug and Sue Storjohann. Missouri Greater Ozark Unit - Pioneer Harvest Fiesta Fall Rally October 17-21 at the Bourbon County Fairgrounds in Fort Scott, KS, hosts Rick and Marsha Keith.

REGION 9

Joanne Miller, Contributing Editor
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Howdy! Fall is in the air somewhere, but here in Region 9 crisp, cool air, and sweater weather are still just dreams. However, those dreams should begin to come true for us next month. Autumn is the perfect time to plan an RV adventure. The weather is still nice for travel, and we are finally able to do many of the things it was too hot to do during the summer.

We may not have cooler temperatures quite yet, but in Region 9 we can still tell fall is coming. Crowds at popular attractions are smaller, some campgrounds are offering bargain rates, camping and RV equipment is on sale, festivals and Oktoberfests are celebrating harvest time, the Texas State Fair is occurring, football is starting, corn mazes are ready, wildlife is roaming the countryside, and some days the mornings are crisp, but by noon it feels like summer again. Yes, this is Region 9 in the fall.

We have always heard that fall is one of the best times to travel. There are places where the temperatures are cooler, the leaves are changing colors, pumpkin flavored drinks and foods are available and wildlife is roaming freely. According to travel magazines and "the experts", every state has a "best place to visit in the fall". In Oklahoma it is the Wichita Mountains in the southwestern part of the state. It is a wonderful wildlife refuge. In Texas it is the Lost Maples State Natural Area. It is the best spot to watch the leaves change in the Texas Hill Country. It has canyons and several miles of hiking trails. These are just two of the many beautiful areas within Region 9 you might want to visit this fall. If you need help finding one, just ask any Region 9 Airstreamer. You will be given several suggestions.

If you are still looking for a fun adventure this fall, you might want to attend the Texas Country Air National Rally in Brownwood, Texas, October 24-27, 2019. There will be informative seminars, tours, hands-on demonstrations, live music and more. You won't want to miss the model train displays and rides. Bring your friends and come join the fun in Brownwood this fall.

Fall is also the time for new Unit/Club Officers to be installed and to assume the leadership positions in their Units/Clubs. Congratulations to the 2019-2020 Unit/Club Officers! We know you will do a great job. A great big Region 9 thank you goes out to the retiring Unit/Club Officers. You all deserve a pat on the back for a job well done. Without volunteers to step up and assume leadership roles, we wouldn't be able to have fun and share adventures with our Airstream friends.

This month the spotlight shines on the Texas Plains Airstream Club which was chartered in 1959. The Unit has been in existence for 60 years! The

members identify themselves as an assembly of friends who love to go places and do things together. The Unit membership is located primarily in the Texas Panhandle. As are other units in Region 9, the Texas Plains Airstream Club is always looking for new members.

Region 9 Trivia: The answer to last month's question is: Region 9 records were first computerized in 1988 during John Wittman's presidency. Did you have the correct answer? This month's question is: When did the first Region 9 website become active? Answer will be revealed next month. Until then, enjoy your fall travels and be safe!

REGION 10

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WOW, Region 10 is enjoying a busy summer and anticipating an exciting fall. We had successful caravans from Idaho, Oregon and British Columbia Units exploring the area and many great Unit rallies to keep everyone rolling!

A huge Thank You to Terri and Hal and the members of our Region 10 Board for their leadership to make this the fantastic region that it is. Thanks also to Carol Ortiz for her many contributions to the Region, and her role as contributing editor for many years.

We look forward to National and Special rallies, Pendleton Round Up Rally in September and the Sun Valley Jazz and Music Festival in October. "Let 'er buck" then sing about it! Details are on our website.

As fall approaches, we have a few more rallies on the books.

Airstreams on Main Street in Independence, OR from September 20-22; Year-End Bash October 12-13 at Silver Lake, WA; the Kootenay Crawl in BC; the harvest dinner on November 9 for the Idaho Unit. Plus, many more Region 10 Unit rallies, luncheons, breakfasts, and dinners to keep us in touch with our Airstream friends as the season changes.

Remember - in Alberta, Saskatchewan, the Riddle Ranch Rendezvous to which new Airstream owners are invited. Ranch Rendezvous from September 20-22 near Carstairs, Alberta.

As you begin planning 2020 rally events, mark your calendar for July 21-26, 2020 for the Region 10 Rally in Lynden, WA, hosted by the Washington Unit and Region 10.

Watch for details on the Region 10 website and Facebook and the Units' sites. Join as many events as you can.

We are excited to meet our new Region 10 President, Sharon Cairns and First Mate, Stephen Fairley; First VP, Michel Bourassa and Ellen, and the new or returning Region Board members. We wish you all a very successful term. You may get to meet them as they visit Units this fall. Many thanks to all who volunteer to make this organization the great club it is.

Congratulations to Mona Heath, our newly elected WBAC International President also from Region 10!

Region 10 is not just a 10 but a 10 Plus!

REGION 11

Robert Doster, Contributing Editor
region11.airstreamclub.net

The 4CU unit is spending Labor Day weekend, September 1-5 at the Ancient Cedars RV Park. Ancient Cedars is located at the entrance to Mesa Verde National Park in the southwest corner of Colorado. They have reserved 20 campsites. Mesa Verde should be on everyone's must do list. If or when a visit is made, try to go to the fire lookout tower located on the southwest side. The view is spectacular.

Keeping cool the Denco unit has reserved 23 sites on the south shore of Carter Lake for their Buddy Up on the South Shore Rally on September 7-9. Carter Lake is near Berthoud on US 287 south of Fort Collins, CO.

Region 11 is having their annual business meeting at the Route 66 RV Resort in Albuquerque, NM. The meeting dates are September 26-30.

REGION 12

Robert Stansbury, Contributing Editor
region12.airstreamclub.net

Good Day, Nevada and California Airstreamers. Bob Stansbury here with another, informative, *Blue Beret* article.

Even though it is September, there is still time to sign up for the R12 Rally in Bakersfield. Those dates are still October 9-13. President Cecelia and I scouted out the Bakersfield area in June and added a few events. The Buck Owens Crystal Palace has been added to the list of events for Thursday night. There should be some great food and entertainment at that venue. Saturday night's tri-tip dinner has also been finalized. Two members have also donated a quilt and a wall hanging to be raffled off.

On Friday night we have contracted with a local DJ to set up a Karaoke and music night featuring yours truly. Also, a second Dewar's ice cream tour is in the works. We met with the visitor's association and found out about a lot of shopping, biking, driving and walking tours in town. Finally, we taste tested the in-park restaurant called the Crest. It was very good and provided many choices that included farm to table, fresh food. The resort was formerly the Crest Drive-In Movie Theater. They kept the name and used it for the restaurant. Our hosts, the Lake Tahoe Airstream Club, are looking forward to seeing you there. Work that website and PayPal magic and join us.

I can't wait to report on the events that will occur at the San Diego (Red Bull) boat races. Three clubs put this together. the San Diego AC, with the South Coast California AC and the Greater L.A. AC. This should be cool.

We leave for Doswell, VA in the morning and we think all the clubs in Region 12 will be represented at the WBCCI delegates meeting there. All presidents or a representative are needed at the Region Rally annual business meeting in Bakersfield as well. A gift basket to raffle off is also requested from each club. Our charity will be the Dog Rescue Center that we used last year. Marley's Mutts is close to Bakersfield and is a worthy enterprise for our charitable efforts. See you down the road.

EUROPE

Ian Jamieson, Contributing Editor
<http://europe.wbcci.net>

The amazing Norway caravan tour is over. A real bucket-list occasion which was enjoyed by members from all over Europe, one from Florida and another from BC, Canada!! Two more rallies are taking place at Ettie's Field in England and at the World Balloon Festival in France.

Ettie's Field has been established for over a year as THE campsite in Europe for touring Airstreams and the WBCCI rally has become an annual event. The hot air balloon festival is a biannual event celebrating the Montgolfier Brothers. It is the largest in the world with over 1,000 balloons and holds the record for the most balloons in the air. American members who attended the Albuquerque event are flying with us!

There is one more rally this year at Brienz in Switzerland in October. Near Interlaken, this promises to be yet another amazing rally with lake cruise, mountain train ride and stunning scenery. Details are in emails and on the website. <<https://europe.wbcci.net>>

We continue to grow with new members across Europe and affiliates from across the Atlantic. There are more plans to make it possible for North Americans to attend European 2020 rallies and vice versa.

From the Vice President of Sales



Lenny Razo

Greetings from your extended family here in Jackson Center, OH. It's hard to believe we are entering the fall season. In Ohio, typically this month is one of the best months with the weather. We were fortunate to enjoy a great late summer with the weather.

Airstream management was in attendance at the WBCCI rally in Doswell, VA in late July. We had a wonderful few days with all of you who attended. For those of you that don't know, Justin Humphreys, COO and I caravanned out to Doswell, VA from Jackson Center, OH, towing a 2020 Globetrotter and 2018 Classic. This was my first trip in an Airstream since I joined the company. The hills of West Virginia and the five storms we drove through really allowed the opportunity to take in the full towing experience. WOW! I can tell you, we truly do have the best towing trailer in the world as I never felt uncomfortable behind the wheel towing a 30' Classic. The rally location was great and we thank all of you for your hospitality the few days we attended. It was great for us to see many of you and for Airstream to be given time to update you on everything back in Ohio.

The new plant is coming along great. All the interior concrete has been poured and framing for the offices is coming along. Landscaping and exterior sidewalks are maturing as well. The exterior structure of the plant has also taken shape with the Heritage Center coming to life. Airstream should be moving in some equipment this fall as we continue to look for production to begin the first of the year.

The month of September will be very busy for Airstream as we will be attending the Hershey RV Show in Hershey, PA, September 12-15. This is one of the largest RV retail shows in the US. Airstream will have a large display again this year with all of our MY 2020 Travel Trailers and Touring Coaches. The estimated number of attendance is 65,000. If you are in the area, please stop by and see us.

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National / Special Event Rallies

Sep 9-15	Pendleton Round-Up Rally, Pendleton, OR
Sep 21-29	Swiss Festival Rally, Sugarcreek, OH
Oct 1-6	Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally, Athens, AL
Oct 2-6	Storytelling Festival Rally, Jonesborough, TN
Oct 4-8	Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally, Albuquerque, NM
Oct 11-14	Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally, Bristol, VT
Oct 15-20	Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival Rally, Ketchum, ID
Oct 24-27	Texas Country Air Rally, Brownwood, TX
Dec 28- Jan 1, 2020	Rose Parade Rally, Pasadena, CA
Mar 5-8	Streamin on the Harbor, Georgetown, SC
Sep 22-29	Branson Musicland Revisted, Branson, MO



REGION 1 Activities

Region 1 Website: <http://region1.wbcci.net>

Oct 11-14 Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally, Bristol, VT

Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club -
capecodmassachusetts.airstreamclub.net

Sep 6-8 Flea Market Finds Rally, Village Green CG, 228 Sturbridge Rd, Rte 20, East Brimfield, MA, Larry Lamontagne 413-221-3542, email: larry-pat@eckon.net / RJ Dominic 914-204-6190, email: rjdominic@wbcci.net

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club -
charteroakconnecticut.airstreamclub.net

Sep 6-8 Searching the Southeast Corner Rally, Mystic KOA, 118 Pendleton Hill Rd, North Stonington, CT, Chris Dubrowski 203-797-4385, email: chrisdubrowski@gmail.com
Oct 20 Installation/Fall Business Meeting, Manchester Country Club, Manchester, CT, Corinne & Jim Burnham 860-623-9752, email: jjimbllc@msn.com

New England Airstream Club - <http://newengland.wbcci.net>

Sep 6-8 Rhode Island Polo Rally, Melville Ponds CG, 181 Bradford Ave, Portsmouth, RI, Bonnie Hogan 401-862-6157, email: brhogan@cox.net
Sep 20-22 Fall Business Rally, Salisbury Beach CG, 1 Beach Rd, Salisbury, MA, Stephen McPheters 207-865-3372, email: steveandbarb@comcast.net

Oct 11-14 Columbus Day Weekend Rally, Wolfe's Neck Oceanfront Camping (formerly Recompense CG), 134 Burnett Rd, Freeport, ME, Barb Skelton 207-615-3446

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club -
northeastmountaineers.airstreamclub.net

Quebec Canada Unit - quebeccanada.airstreamclub.net

Sep 7-9 Installation Rally, Camping Domaine des Cantons, 315, Route 112, Saint-Etienne-de-Bolton, QC, Jean Bourque 514-373-5052, email: bouque.jean@videotron.ca

REGION 2 Activities

Region 2 Website: Region2.Airstreamclub.net

May 20-26 Region 2 Rally, Kingston, ON, Canada

Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Unit -
al-mon-opa.airstreamclub.net

Central Maryland Unit - centralmaryland.airstreamclub.net

Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club - centralpa.airstreamclub.net

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Delaware Valley New Jersey Unit – <http://dvnju.wbcci.net>

Delmarva Unit - delmarva.airstreamclub.net

Hudson-Mohawk New York Unit - hudsonmohawkny.airstreamclub.net

Sep 12-15 Take Me Out to the Ball Game Installation Rally, Cooperstown KOA, 565 Ostrander Rd, Richfield Springs, NY, Geoff/Sue Whittle 518-783-1606, email: whittle06@gmail.com
Oct 3-6 Steen Fall Rally, Schodack Island SP, 1 Schodack Island Way, Schodack Landing, NY, Dan/Pat Steen 518-441-5280, email: dmsteen@gmail.com

Keystone Pennsylvania Unit - keystonepa.airstreamclub.net

Oct 10-14 Exploring Central PA Caravan, Carlisle & Harrisburg, PA, Howard Mergelkamp 267-733-3565, email: howardsan70@gmail.com

Metropolitan New York Airstream Club - metropolitannewyork.airstreamclub.net

Sep 12-15 Apple Picking Rally, Ulster County FG, New Paltz, NY, Pam Scheublein, email: pscheublein@gmail.com
Sep 20-22 Adirondack Balloon Festival Rally, Floyd Bennett Airport, Glens Falls, NY, Barb Treveleudes, email: billtreve@optonline.net

Mid-Atlantic Unit - mid-atlantic.airstreamclub.net

New Jersey Unit - newjersey.airstreamclub.net

May - Oct: Social hour every Saturday 7 PM at Jersey Shore Haven, Pavilion, 728 Dennisville Rd, South Seaville, NJ, Judy Coupe 267-261-1392, email: judycoupe@comcast.net
Sep 19-22 New Jersey State Rally, Jersey Shore Haven, 728 Dennisville Rd, South Seaville, NJ, Judy Coupe 267-261-1392, email: judycoupe@comcast.net
Oct 17-20 Election/Birthday Rally, Jersey Shore Haven, 728 Dennisville Rd, South Seaville, NJ, Judy Coupe 267-261-1392, email: judycoupe@comcast.net

New York Finger Lakes Unit - newyorkfingerlakes.airstreamclub.net

Sep 13-15 Installation Rally, East Aurora Firemen's Field, 299 Pine St, East Aurora, NY, Molly & Ron Rubino 716-807-7687, email: rubinomolly110@gmail.com / Dona 716-830-9697

Ontario Canada Unit - ontariocanada.airstreamclub.net

Penn-Lehigh Unit – penn-lehigh.airstreamclub.net

Pennsylvania Unit - pennsylvania.airstreamclub.net

Washington DC Unit - wdcu.airstreamclub.net

Watchung New Jersey Airstream Club - watchungnj.airstreamclub.net

Oct 31-Nov 3 SC Beach Rally, Ocean Lakes Family CG, 6001 S Kings Highway, Myrtle Beach, SC, reservations 800-238-5636, email: 0021@wbcci.net

Coastal Georgia Airstream Club - <http://coastalgeorgia.wbcci.net>

Sep 26-29 Rally, Blythe Island, Brunswick, GA, Barry Fuller 229-269-7770, email: barfull7@aol.com

Florida Airstream Club - <http://floridaunit027.wbcci.net>

Sep 19-23 Joint Rally w/South Florida & FL Treasure Coast, Seminole CG, 8991 Triplett Rd, North Fort Myers, FL, Vicki Digby 239-565-3253, email: vdigby1@me.com

Oct 3-6 Annual Club Meeting/Rally, Suwannee River Hideaway, 1218 SE 346 Highway, Old Town, FL, Lynn Behnke 407-461-1973, email: lmbehnke4@gmail.com

Florida Springs Airstream Club - <http://floridasprings.wbcci.net>

Oct 10-13 Rally, Travelers Rest RV Resort, 29129 Johnston Rd, Dade City, FL 352-588-2013, Sonja Meistrell 352-427-2534, email: meistrell2301@gmail.com

Florida Suncoast Airstream Unit - floridasuncoast.airstreamclub.net

Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club - floridatreasurecoast.airstreamclub.net

Northern Virginia Airstream Club - northernvirginia.airstreamclub.net

Sep 20-22 Virginia Commonwealth Rally, Newport News City Park, Virginia, Greg Heuer 430-298-4650, email: gheuer@umich.edu
Oct 10-13 Silver in the Street Urban Rally, Main St, Farmville, VA, Tom Carmichael 804-245-1710, email: tomc@sportsimageinc.com
Oct 31-Nov 3 Oyster Festival Rally, Urbanna, VA, Lew Brodsky 703-451-0122, email: norvanews@cox.net

Palmetto State Airstream Club - <http://palmettostate.wbcci.net>

Sep 13-15 Apple Picking Rally, Tom Johnson Camping Center, 1885 US 70 W, Marion, NC, Pam DeVine 704-282-4570, email: pjdstreamer@gmail.com
Oct 11-13 Fall Rally, Asheville Bear Creek RV Park, 81 S Bear Creek Rd, Asheville, NC, Pam DeVine 704-282-4570, email: pjdstreamer@gmail.com

Piedmont North Carolina Unit - piedmontnc.airstreamclub.net

Shenandoah Valley of Virginia Unit - <http://shenandoahvalleyofva.wbcci.net>

Sep 12-15 Virginia Commonwealth Rally, Newport News City Park, 13560 Jefferson Ave, Newport News, VA, Ken Tarrant, email: kentarrant@comcast.net

South Carolina Coastal Airstream Club - southcarolinacoastal.airstreamclub.net

Sep 6-8 Lost in the 60's Rally, Lee SP, 487 Loop Rd, Bishopville, SC, Perry Wallace 843-421-4838, email: purry65@gmail.com
Oct 4-6 All Things Fall Rally, Poinsett SP, 6660 Poinsett Park Rd, Wedgefield, SC, Perry Wallace 843-421-4838, email: purry65@gmail.com

South Florida Airstream Club - southflorida.airstreamclub.net

Southeastern Camping Unit - southeasterncampingunit.airstreamclub.net

Tidewater Virginia Airstream Club - tidewatervirginia.airstreamclub.net

Top of Georgia Airstream Club - <http://topofgeorgia.wbcci.net>

Aug 28-Sep 2 Labor Day Rally/Bus. Mtg, Top of GA Airstream Park, 14255 Hwy 75 N, Helen, GA, Charlotte Williamson 706-485-9331, email: togpres@gmail.com
Oct 16-20 Buddy Rally, Top of GA Airstream Park, 14255 Hwy 75 N, Helen, GA, Charlotte Williamson 706-485-9331, email: togpres@gmail.com

Virginia Airstream Club - virginia.airstreamclub.net

Western North Carolina Unit - westernnc.airstreamclub.net

REGION 3 Activities



Region 3 Website: region3.airstreamclub.net

2020
Mar 5-8 Streamin On The Harbor 2020, Georgetown, SC

Big Bend Florida Airstream Club - <http://bigbendflorida.wbcci.net>

Sep 20-22 Rally, Blackwater River SP, Milton, FL, Craig Brinkley 850-447-1457, email: cbrink@fairpoint.net
Oct 4-6 Rally, El Governor RV Park, Mexico Beach, FL, Craig Brinkley 850-447-1457, email: cbrink@fairpoint.net

Carolinas Airstream Club - carolinas.airstreamclub.net

Sep 19-22 VA Rally, Highland Haven Airstream Park, 6517 Highland Haven Rd NE, Copper Hill, VA, ReserveAmerica.com, email: 0021@wbcci.net
Oct 24-27 Alumalina Rally, Tom Johnson Rally Park, 1885 US 70 W, Marion, NC, email: john@leakesantiques.com

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REGION 4 Activities



Region 4 Website: region4.airstreamclub.net

Sep 21-29 2020 Swiss Festival Rally, Sugarcreek, OH
May 13-17 Region 4 Rally, Adrian, MI

Akron Ohio Airstream Club - akronohio.airstreamclub.net

Oct 10-13 Rally, Pier-Lon Park CG, 5960 Vandemark Rd, Medina, OH, Linda Stallard 330-441-1676, email: stallardtax@aol.com

Appalachian Unit of West Virginia - <http://www.wbcci.net/>

Cincinnati Ohio Airstream Club - <http://cincinnati.wbcci.net>

Oct 3-6 Turkey Rally, Franklin County IN 4-H FG, 7178 Blue Creek Rd, Brookville, IN, Darren Baker 937-339-9415, email: darren.baker65@frontier.com

Columbus Ohio Unit - email: christopher.b.lang@gmail.com

Oct 10-13 Call for Kentucky, Whispering Hills CG, Georgetown, KY, Chris Lang 614-742-7174, email: christopher.b.lang@gmail.com

Mahoning Valley Ohio Unit - www.mvou.wbcci.net

Sep 5-8 Rally, Willow Lake CG, 3935 N Broadway, Geneva, OH, Rick & Elaine Richardson 440-812-6490, email: rickelainehq@gmail.com
Oct 19 Installation Luncheon, The Chop House, 9519 E Market St, Warren, OH, Don & Betty Burkholder 440-576-6560, email: catmar@embargmail.com

Miami Valley Unit of Ohio - miamivalleyunitofohio.airstreamclub.net

Sep 4 Breakfast 9 AM, Fairborn Family Diner & Rest., 419 N Broad St, Fairborn, OH, Lucille Haas 937-638-6666, email: lucyhaas1937@yahoo.com
Sep 13-15 Joint Fall Fest/Installation w/Cincinnati Ohio, Oak Crest CG 937-593-7211, 4226 Township Rd 187, West Liberty, OH, Lucille Haas 937-638-6666, email: lucyhaas1937@yahoo.com
Oct 2 Breakfast 9 AM, Fairborn Family Diner & Rest., 419 N Broad St, Fairborn, OH, Lucille Haas 937-638-6666, email: lucyhaas1937@yahoo.com

Michigan Airstream Club - michigan.airstreamclub.net

Oct 17-21 Fall into Carson City, Carson City Christian Center, 5011 Mt. Hope, Carson City, MI, Bob Conley & Mary Mockler 989-682-4028, email: golddust@cmsinter.net

Mohican Valley Ohio Airstream Club - mohicanvalleyohio.airstreamclub.net

Sep 5-8 Rally, Penn Wood, Clarion, PA, Findling 419-688-0001
Sep 12 Dinner 5:30 PM, Oak Park Grill, 2919 SR 430, Mansfield, OH, Marty Weithman 419-468-5004
Oct 10 Dinner/Installation 5:30 PM, Village Rest., 435 N Warpole St, Upper Sandusky, OH, Sid & Bev Kelly 419-957-6571

Northern Ohio Virtual Airstream Unit - <https://sites.google.com/view/campnova>

Sep 12-15 Clifty Falls Campout (see campNOVA.com), Clifty Falls SP, 2221 Clifty Dr, Madison, IN, Alan McDowell 513-943-2026, email: alanjmcd@gmail.com
Sep 26-29 9th Annual Airbiscuit Anniversary Rally & Chili Cook Off (see campNOVA.com), Guilford Lake SP CG, 6835 E Lake Rd, Lisbon, OH, Loren St. Peter, email: lwoodruff78@gmail.com
Oct 17-20 Morgan's Canoe Fall Rally (see campNOVA.com), Morgan's Riverside CG, 6262 Gilmour Rd, Morrow, OH, Alan McDowell 513-943-2026, email: alanjmcd@gmail.com
Oct 31-Nov 5 Leaf Peeping in Great Smoky Mountains Rally (see campNOVA.com), Elkmont CG, Elkmont CG Road A, Gatlinburg, TN, Ella Brown 419-203-9574, email: ellambrown1952@gmail.com

Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club - southeasternmichigan.airstreamclub.net

Sep 13-15 Movie Night Rally, Camper's Haven Family CG, 2326 S VanDyke Rd, Bad Axe, MI, Robert & Linda Smith 248-284-3627, email: SEMACmembership@gmail.com

Oct 4-6 Pumpkin Fest Rally, Clearwater CG, 1140 S. Ortonville Rd, Ortonville, MI, Richard & Cheryl Sands 248-328-0536, email: cherylsands@comcast.net
Oct 19 Annual Business Meeting/Installation 1:00 PM, Jack & Bonnie Belding's Home, Jack & Bonnie Belding 517-423-5672

The Western Reserve Camping Unit - www.westernreserve.wbcci.net

Oct 30-Nov 3 Winterizing Rally, Noble Farm, 10489 Pekin Rd, Newbury, OH, Dale Ferguson 440-477-9351, email: dalefrgsn@yahoo.com

REGION 5 Activities



Region 5 Website: region5.airstreamclub.net

Sep 4-8 Region 5 Rally, Amboy, IL

Central Indiana Airstream Club - centralindiana.airstreamclub.net

Oct 18-20 Rally, Versailles SP, Versailles, IN, Charles Mason 317-525-7897, email: mason.charles@comcast.net

Indiana Airstream Club - indiana.airstreamclub.net

Sep 14 Fall Installation Luncheon 12:00 PM, Downtown on the Square, 111 S Main St, Columbia City, IN, Branko Mijatovich 206-402-8987, email: nined2yk@gmail.com

Kentucky Airstream Club - kentucky.airstreamclub.net

Oct 16-20 Spooky Installation Rally, White Acre CG, 3022 Boston Rd, Bardstown, KY, Campground Office 502-348-9677

Northern Illinois Airstream Club - northernillinois.airstreamclub.net

Sep 13-15 Road America Vintage Festival, Road America, N7390 St Hwy 67, Plymouth, WI, Bob Whitesell, email: whitesellrobert@yahoo.com
Oct 18-20 Thanksgiving/Installation Rally, Lee County 4-H Center & FG, 1196 Franklin Rd, Amboy, IL, Dolores Mayo 630-587-2690, email: mayo.internet@gmail.com

Southern Indiana Unit - <http://southind.wbcci.net>

Oct 3-6 Rally, Blue Heron CG, Stearns, KY, Ron Knight 317-372-7532, email: rknight64@yahoo.com

WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club - illinoislincolnland.airstreamclub.net

Oct 18-21 Airstream Fly-In Rally, St. Louis Regional Airport, 8 Terminal Dr, East Alton, IL, Susan Swearingen 309-824-5085, email: smsflyfisher@hotmail.com

REGION 6 Activities



Region 6 Website: region6.airstreamclub.net

Oct 1-6 Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally, Athens, AL
Oct 2-6 Storytelling Festival Rally, Jonesborough, TN
Oct 10-14 Region 6 Rally, Muscle Shoals, AL

Alabama Airstream Club - alabama.airstreamclub.net

2nd Mon each month: Dinner 6 PM, Montgomery, AL area, call for directions, Paul Aehnlich 334-277-9647, email: pca2@charter.net

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club - arkansasrazorback.airstreamclub.net

East Tennessee Airstream Club - easttennessee.airstreamclub.net

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Louisiana Airstream Club - louisiana.airstreamclub.net

Sep 12-15 Election Rally, Parker Landing, 7577 E Oaklawn Rd, Biloxie, MS, Dale Spillman 225-405-4057, email: lau15880@bellsouth.net

Mississippi Airstream Club - mississippi.airstreamclub.net

Music City Airstream Club - musiccity.airstreamclub.net

Sep 19-22 Election/Installation Rally, TCPC, Jim/Sara Lee 931-652-9230, email: jhlee@mindspring.com

Pensacola Florida Unit - pensacolaflorida.airstreamclub.net

Sep 19-22 Music at the Springs Rally, Mystic Springs Cove Airstream Park, 591 Mystic Springs Rd, McDavid, FL, Camp Host 850-256-3280, email: mystic.springs@yahoo.com

West Tennessee Airstream Club - westtennessee.airstreamclub.net

Oct 31-Nov 3 Fall Fun Fest Rally, Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park 417-546-3000, 11020 MO 76, Forsyth, MO, Brian & JoAnn Peterson 417-331-1135, email: bpeterson007@centurytel.net

Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club - <http://kansascityunit.wbcci.net>

Sep 7 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Blue Moose, 525 Wakarusa Dr, Lawrence, KS, Tim & Paula Timmons 785-691-7112, email: ttbikes@aol.com
Sep 26-29 Fall Installation Rally, Cottonwoods RV Park, 5170 N Oakland Gravel Rd, Columbia, MO, Debra Doll 913-219-4317, email: dpdoll01@att.net
Oct 5 Luncheon 11:30 AM, June's Northland, 614 Pottawatomie St, Leavenworth, KS, Dan & Debra Doll 913-219-4317, email: dpdoll01@att.net

Nebraska Airstream Club - <http://nebraskaunit.wbcci.net>

2nd Mon each month except 2nd Saturday in Jan, Apr, Jul & Oct: Luncheon 11:30 AM, Parker's Smokehouse, 16880 Hwy. 6, Ashland, NE, corner of Hwy 6 & 63, James Wright 402-419-1112, email: james@justwrightsharpening.com

Sep 27-29 Installation Rally, Stanton Lake CG, Falls City, NE, Ryan Knowles 402-806-0208, email: golopogos@gmail.com

North Iowa Airstream Club - northiowa.airstreamclub.net

Sep 5-8 Rally, Freeborn County FG, 1031 Bridge Ave, Albert Lea, MN, Dave & Pat Shaw 515-368-4379, email: theshaws1@gmail.com
Oct 10-13 Joint Installation Rally w/Iowa, Swan Lake SP, 22676 Swan Lake Trail, Carroll, IA, Scott & Jodi Jensen 515-979-0694, email: scottjensen45@aol.com

REGION 7 Activities

Region 7 Website: <http://region7.wbcci.net>

2020
Aug 20-25 Region 7 Rally, Marquette, MI

Minnesota Airstream Club - minnesota.airstreamclub.net

Sep 12-15 Fall Installation Rally, Hoodoo Point CG, 5788 Hoodoo Point Rd, Tower, MN, call 218-753-6868 for site reservation, Kay Olsson 763-786-4217, email: cwolsson@comcast.net

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit - northdakota.airstreamclub.net

Sep 12-15 Installation Rally, Mobridge, SD, Marie Jensen 605-228-4536, email: djensen57401@yahoo.com

Wisconsin Unit - wisc-up.airstreamclub.net

Sep 27-29 Octoberfest Campout, High Cliff SP, N7630 State Park Rd, Sherwood, WI, John & Terri Cooper 920-475-1501, email: jcooper@new.rr.com

REGION 8 Activities

Region 8 Website: region8.airstreamclub.net

2020
Sep 22-29 Branson Musicland Revisited, Branson, MO

Greater St. Louis Airstream Club - greaterstlouis.airstreamclub.net

Sep 19-22 History Meets Business Rally, Arrow Rock State Historical Park, Arrow Rock, MO, Jane & Hugh Bartlett 573-578-0435, email: elginmj@gmail.com
Oct 17-20 Installation Rally, Country Bend CG 217-324-2363, 3279 Honey Bend Ave, Litchfield, IL, Joe & Sarah Hauser 636-332-3220, email: camperqueen2000@yahoo.com

Iowa Airstream Club - iowa.airstreamclub.net

Sep 12-15 Fun on the River Rally, Illiniwek CG, Hampton, IL, Deb & Doug Ford 309-781-4057, email: rdford5055@gmail.com

Missouri Greater Ozark Unit - mogrtrozark.airstreamclub.net

Sep 12-15 Fall Rally, Cedar Oaks RV Park, 1550 83rd St NW, Grove, OK 918-786-4303, Rick & Marsha Keith 918-314-1041, email: rmkeith8070@sbccglobal.net
Oct 17-21 Pioneer Harvest Fiesta Rally, Bourbon County FG 620-224-7761, 2102 S Huntington Blvd, Fort Scott, KS, Rick & Marsha Keith 918-314-1041, email: rmkeith8070@sbccglobal.net

REGION 9 Activities

Region 9 Website: region9.airstreamclub.net

Oct 24-27 Texas Country Air Rally, Brownwood, TX

East Texas Lakes Unit

Sep 20-22 Rally, Stephen F. Austin SP 979-885-3613, Park Rd 38, San Felipe, TX, Isaac Holmes 214-592-3109
Oct 4-6 Canton First Monday Rally, Purits Creek SP 903-425-2332, 14225 F.M. 316, Eustace, TX, Isaac Holmes 214-592-3109
Oct 25-27 Halloween Rally, Lake Bob Sandlin SP 903-572-5531, 341 State Park Rd 2117, Pittsburg, TX, Isaac Holmes 214-592-3109 (decorate your space & one night parking is free)

Greater Houston Airstream Club - greaterhouston.airstreamclub.net

Aug 30-Sep 2 Labor Day Rally, Oakwood RV Resort, 78 FM 2093, Fredericksburg, TX, Jerry Goodwin 281-787-6687, email: jlg79@comcast.net
Oct 3-6 Harvest Rally, Bolivar Peninsula RV Park, 1685 St Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX, Vernon Goodwin III, 281-556-1633, email: vhg3@aol.com

Heart of Texas Camping Unit - <http://hotc.wbcci.net>

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North Texas Unit - northtexas.airstreamclub.net

Sep 12-15 Rally, Lawton/Fort Sill, OK, Marty Whitehill 940-391-3400, email: whitemar53@gmail.com

Oklahoma Airstream Club - oklahoma.airstreamclub.net

Sep 25-29 Okaluma Fall Rally, Cedar Oaks RV Park, 1550 83rd St NW, Grove, OK, Larry Walters 405-974-0202, email: walcous@gmail.com

Texas Alamo Unit - texasalamo.airstreamclub.net

Sep 26-29 Fall, Fall is in the Air/Installation Rally, Longhorn Ranch RV Resort, Niederwald, TX, Cathy Willis 210-744-4555, email: capwillis@yahoo.com
Oct 24-27 Let's Go Camping Rally, Fredericksburg KOA, Fredericksburg, TX, George Horn 512-924-2462, email: gahorn146ys@hotmail.com

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Texas Gulf Coast Unit - www.texasairstreamharbor.com

- Sep 12-15 Airstream Caravan Experiences Rally, TAHI, 714 Angelina, Zavalla, TX, Nancy Fitzgerald 281-739-5701, email: nefitzge6@gmail.com
 Oct 10-13 Finding the Wilderness in an Airstream Rally, TAHI, 714 Angelina, Zavalla, TX, Nancy Fitzgerald 281-739-5701, email: nefitzge6@gmail.com

Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club - <http://thlu.org>

- Sep 12-15 Come & Take It Rally!, Goliad SP, 108 Park Rd 6, Goliad, TX, Peter Sajovich 512-293-1871, email: peter@homesofaustin.com
 Oct 11-13 Keep Austin Weird - Experience Austin Rally, McKinney Falls SP, 5808 McKinney Falls Pkwy, Austin, TX, Peter Sajovich 512-293-1871, email: peter@homesofaustin.com

Texas Hill Country Unit - texashillcountry.airstreamclub.net

- Sep 19-22 Business Meeting Rally, Off the Vine RV Park, 301 Magnolia St, Hico, TX, Zephyr Marek 512-446-3866, email: faye_marek@yahoo.com
 Oct 24-27 Rally, River Shade 830-379-8826, 3395 TX 123, Sequin, TX, Zephyr Marek 512-446-3866, email: faye_marek@yahoo.com

Texas Plains Airstream Club - texasplains.airstreamclub.net

REGION 10 Activities

Region 10 Website: region10.airstreamclub.net

- Sep 9-15 Pendleton Round-Up Rally, Pendleton, OR
 Oct 15-20 Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival Rally, Ketchum, ID

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- Jul 21-26 Region 10 Rally, Lynden, WA

Alberta Saskatchewan Canada Airstream Club - albertasaskatchewancanada.airstreamclub.net

British Columbia Airstream Club - www.airstreambc.com

- Sep 6-8 Installation Rally, Claybanks RV Park, Merritt, BC, A. Showrai 604-598-1194

Idaho Airstream Club - idaho.airstreamclub.net

- 2nd Sat every month: Breakfast 9 AM, Golden Corral, 8460 W Emerald St, Boise, ID, Marilyn Usselman 208-322-8155, email: usselmanm@hotmail.com

- Sep 10-26 Oregon Coast Caravan, Darrell Ostyn 208-880-2042, email: celebrityhomes@cablone.net

Montana Airstream Club - montana.airstreamclub.net

Oregon Airstream Club - oregon.airstreamclub.net

- Sep 20-22 Airstreams on Mainstreet Rally, Independence, OR, Susan/Brad Taylor 503-871-8309, email: staylor792@comcast.net
 Oct 10-13 Year-End Bash Rally, Silver Cove RV Resort, 351 Hall Rd, Silver Lake, WA, Susan/Brad Taylor 503-871-8309, email: staylor792@comcast.net

Washington Airstream Club - washington.airstreamclub.net

- Sep 6-8 Installation Rally, WLYH, 9101 Steilacoom Rd SE, Olympia, WA, Darlene Leslie 360-459-8749, email: gar-dar@hotmail.com

REGION 11 Activities

Region 11 Website: Region11.airstreamclub.net

- Sep 26-30 Region 11 Rally, Albuquerque, NM
 Oct 4-8 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally, Albuquerque, NM

Arizona Airstream Club - arizona.airstreamclub.net

Colorado Airstream Club - colorado.airstreamclub.net

- Sep 5-9 Carter Lake Rally, Carter Lake, Berthoud, CO, Susan Campbell 970-449-3059, email: susan@nighthawknest.com
 Sep 12-15 Santa Fe Rally, Santa Fe Skies RV Park, 14 Browncastle Ranch, Santa Fe, NM, Jeff Van Bogaert 970-402-9502, email: jvanb@earthlink.net

Four Corners Unit - <http://fourcornersunit.com/>

- Aug 30-Sep 2 Labor Day Silver City Chile Run Rally, Rose Valley RV Ranch rosevalleyrv.com, 2040 Memory Ln, Silver City, NM, off US 180, 2 mi. E of downtown Silver City, Christine Kirk, email: christinekirk60@gmail.com
 Sep 19-22 Chilly Chama Whistle-Stop Rally, Little Creel RV Park, Chama, NM, Dan Rossback, email: dgrossbach@comcast.net

New Mexico Unit - newmexico.airstreamclub.net

- Sep 12-15 Rally, Deer Springs RV, Mayhill, NM, Lora & Bob Crumrine 575-308-1030, email: crumrine4rv@gmail.com

Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club - utahwasatch.airstreamclub.net

- Sep 12-15 Flaming Gorge Rally, Pine Forest RV Park at Flaming Gorge, 1100 E Flaming Gorge Resort, Dutch John, UT, Hunt & Megan Williams 435-901-0001, email: rhwmw@msn.com

Wyoming Unit - <http://wyoming.wbcci.net>

REGION 12 Activities

Region 12 Website: region12.airstreamclub.net

- Oct 9-13 Region 12 Rally, Bakersfield, CA
 Dec 28-Jan 1, 2020 Rose Parade Rally, Pasadena, CA
 Apr 16-19 Cali Rally, Parkfield, CA

Central Coast California Unit - www.centralcoastairstream.wbcci.net

- Sep 12-15 Rally, Boulder Creek RV Resort, 2550 S U.S. Hwy 395, Lone Pine, CA, Dave Temple 661-330-7901, email: dave-temple@gmail.com

El Camino Real Airstream Club - elcaminoreal.airstreamclub.net

Greater Bay Area Airstream Club - greaterbayarea.airstreamclub.net

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club - greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net

- Sep 12-16 Bayfair Rally, Mission Bay, 1404 Vacation Rd, San Diego, CA, Abe Hernandez 760-802-3238, email: rvms2u@yahoo.com

Lake Tahoe Airstream Club - laketahoe.airstreamclub.net

- Sep 27-29 Rally, Genoa Candy Dance, Minden, NV, Bob Stansbury 775-297-3866, email: burytone@yahoo.com
 Oct 25-27 Nevada Day Parade Joint Rally w/Sierra Nevada, Gold Dust West RV Park, 2171 E William St, Carson City, NV, Bob Stansbury 775-297-3866, email: burytone@yahoo.com

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Las Vegas Airstream Club - lasvegas.airstreamclub.net

Northern California Airstream Club - northerncalifornia.airstreamclub.net

Sep 3-8 Rally, Clio River's Edge, Clio, CA, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, email: plazzereschi@gmail.com

Oct 1-6 Rally, Berry Creek Rancheria RV Resort, Oroville, CA, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, email: plazzereschi@gmail.com

Sacramento Valley Airstream Club - sacramentovalley.airstreamclub.net

San Diego California Unit - www.airstreamsandiego.com

Sierra Nevada Unit - <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu>

South Coast California Airstream Club - southcoastca.airstreamclub.net

Sep 6-8 Rally, San Diego Metro KOA, 111 N 2nd Ave, Chula Vista, CA, Mark Miller 714-222-9037, email: markmlr880@gmail.com

Oct 4-6 Rally, Emerald Desert RV Resort, 76000 Frank Sinatra Dr, Palm Desert, CA, Mark Miller 714-222-9037, email: markmlr880@gmail.com

EUROPE *Activities*

WBCCI Europe Website: -
<http://europe.wbcci.net>



Oct 10-14 Autumn Colours Rally, Aaregg, Seestrass 22, CH 3855 Brienz, Switzerland, Beat Schwab 41 793118993, email: schwab.b@me.com

Norway Caravan

Submitted by Ian Jamieson, #24514

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10/8-11/9

Stop: Jekyll Island, GA

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Start: Nogales, AZ

1/7-3/17

Stop: Nogales, AZ

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Start: Nogales, AZ

2/7-4/7

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Start: Madison GA

3/8-3/24

Stop: Blakely, GA

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Start: Breaux Bridge, LA

3/10-3/25

Stop: Lafayette, LA

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Start: Bowling Green, KY

4/22-5/16

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Start: Chula Vista, CA

4/30-5/16

Stop: Petaluma, CA

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Start: Estes Park, CO

5/21-6/16

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Start: Bryson City, NC

5/19-6/12

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6/19-7/7

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Stop: Cochrane, Alberta

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Nor by Nor'East

7/7-8/17

Start: Ashaway, RI

Stop: Cornwall, PEI

The caravan begins in Rhode Island, visits Mystic Seaport and Boston then travels through Canadian maritime provinces before ending in Prince Edward Island.

North to Alaska

Approx. 7/12-9/12

Start: Dawson Creek, BC

Stop: St. George, BC

We will travel the Alaska Highway and will experience the majestic scenery of British Columbia, Yukon Territory and Alyeska "The Great Land".

It's a New York (State) State of Mind

8/10-9/4

Start: Grand Island, NY

Stop: Croton on Hudson, NY

This is a caravan for the independent traveler – there will be many planned activities but also ample free time to explore your individual interests as we travel through the "Empire State."

SouthWest Adventure

8/18-10/6

Start: Albuquerque, NM

Stop: Albuquerque, NM

We will visit the four corners region of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona exploring sites other tourists may not see ending with the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.

Watch It Made in America

9/8-10/12

Start: Jackson Center, OH

Stop: Milwaukee, WI

Discover how some well-known products are manufactured starting at the Airstream factory.

Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights – East

9/12-9/27

Start: Manistique, MI

Stop: St. Ignace, MI

See the absolute best of the eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula in just 15 days and 5 stops including a day on Mackinaw Island and lunch at the Grand Hotel.

Highway 61 Revisited

9/12-10/12

Start: Duluth, MN

Stop: New Orleans, LA

Inspired by Bob Dylan's album "Highway 61 Revisited", we travel to southern places known for their musical heritage.

Kentucky Bourbon & Beyond

mid Sept-mid Oct

Start: Bowling Green, KY

Stop: Frankfort, KY

Experience the wonders of bourbon and the beauty of central Kentucky. You will leave with a more refined bourbon palate, ready for more tasting opportunities.

Sho-Me the Ozarks

9/2-10/25

Start: Mountain View, AR

Stop: Van Buren, MO

The region of America known as "The Ozarks" is a cultural and geographically distinct area centered in northern Arkansas and southern Missouri. Beginning in the Ozarks Folk Center, you will travel through time and place with sights, events, and food not to be missed.

Gone to Texas

est 9/24-10/27

Start: Amarillo, TX

Stop: Kerrville, TX

The letters GTT were familiar in the United States during the early 1800's. They meant "Gone To Texas". Come with us and see why it was the place to be.

Southeast Coast

10/6-11/7

Start: Bethany Beach, DE

Stop: Jekyll Island, GA

If you love seafood and want to explore the historic southeast coast of the country, come along with us and immerse yourself in some of the culture and traditions of the Old South.

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National Caravan Application

(Please print clearly)

Date of Application: _____ Caravan # _____ Caravan Name _____

WBCCI# _____ # of Adults _____ # of Children _____ # of Pets _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse/Partner: _____

Summer Address: _____

Winter Address (if applicable): _____

Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____ Email _____

Type of Airstream: Trailer Motorhome Interstate/B-Van Length of Rig: _____

Ham # (if applicable): _____ Handicapped: Y / N

Amount Enclosed: (US\$) _____ Check # _____

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Name _____

Spouse/Partner/Guest _____

Address _____

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Phone _____ Email _____

Parking Site	_____ Nights	@ \$25	=	\$ _____
Airstream w/2 adults		@ \$85	=	\$ _____
Airstream w/1 adult		@ \$50	=	\$ _____
Guest(s)	_____	@ \$35	=	\$ _____

Total Rally Fee \$ _____

Registration deadline is Sept. 11. Early parking begins Monday, Oct. 7. Check-in is Thursday, Oct. 10. Make parking reservations through John Rylee (see address below). Parking sites have full hook-ups. Rally fee includes 1 breakfast and 2 nights of dinner & entertainment. Handicap parking required: Yes _____ No _____

Swampette Tours

Private, half-day tours include bus transportation, driver tips & entrance fees to all three venues - Fame Studio, 3614 Jackson Highway Studio and the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. Cost is approximately \$50 per person, payable at the rally. *For planning purposes, please indicate the number of persons interested. # people _____*

Make check payable to: Region 6 WBCCI
 Mail form & check to: John Rylee, WBCCI Region 6
 485 Winding Wood Rd, Wetumpka, AL 36093
 Full refunds up to Sept. 11, 2019

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Lake Tahoe Airstream Club enjoying happy hour in front of Dennis & Sandra Weber's 1956 Caravel at 49er RV, Plymouth, CA - submitted by Linda Maddox, #7831



Diane Tripels & Louise Humble representing Europe at International at Doswell, VA - submitted by Ian Jamieson, #24514

Found this outside Acadia National Park - submitted by Terri Warren, #284



A sea of silver bullets at Doswell, VA - submitted by Lew Brodsky, #2585; photo by Libby Trostle, #11493



Region 8 "Capital Experience" Rally, Topeka, KS - submitted by Brian Peterson, #4218

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